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NEW ACTING GOVERNOR IN CONFERENCE?

Government has no official information yet indicating the probable date of arrival of Major-General Norton, the new Acting Governor. Private advices from Singapore state that General Norton is conferring with defence authorities in Singapore, and that he may not arrive in Hong Kong until some time towards the end of next week.

H.K. RATE RELIEF DECISION

In an effort to avoid, where possible, the closing up of homes as a result of the evacuation, it was officially announced this afternoon that the Governor-in-Council has decided:—

- (1) that where it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Assessor that, in the case of a dwelling, a landlord has reduced by at least 50% the rent including rates which was in force on 1st July, 1940, to a tenant whose wife and/or children were evacuated from the Colony in consequence of the application to such families of the Government's compulsory evacuation scheme, then 50% of the rates may be refunded, in the case of complete months only, for so long as the compulsory evacuation remains in force and the tenant continues his tenancy at a rent including rates of not more than 50% of what it was on 1st July, 1940, and does not sublet;
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Mystery Death Of 'Jimmy' Cox

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THERE WAS AN immediate hardening in the British attitude as soon as the news of "Jimmy" Cox's death reached London.

Authoritative British quarters commented:—"If Japan is aiming to deliberately embarrass Britain, she had better be careful. The campaign might boomerang!"

Official comment is being withheld pending receipt of the report of the British Ambassador. —Havas.

Reports published in America to the effect that the late Mr. M. J. Cox was an agent of the British Government, were described as fantastic by Mr. C. J. Chancellor, visiting General Manager of Reuter's, who is at present in New York, in an interview with Associated Press yesterday.

Mr. Chancellor declared: "I don't for a single moment take the espionage story seriously."

"Cox was always purely a news agency man. He never wrote anything the Japanese could take exception to and he liked Japan. Cox was never connected with the British Government in any way." — Reuter.

Representations

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learned in authoritative quarters in London yesterday that diplomatic representations are likely to be made in Tokyo by His Majesty's Government concerning the arrest of 11 British subjects in Japan. It is believed Sir Robert Craigie raised the matter when he saw Mr. Matsukata yesterday morning. — Reuter.

Mr. Suma's Charge

Mr. Suma, the Foreign Office spokesman in Tokyo, issued a statement yesterday saying that in view of the ever-increasing activities of foreign organs of espionage and conspiracy recently, the military police arrested on July 27 those constituting part of the network covering the entire country. — Reuter.

Mystery Death

Shocks Shanghai

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The news of Jimmy Cox's death in Tokyo came as a profound shock to Shanghai, where the late newspaperman was widely known and counted numerous friends.

The grief and surprise of Jimmy's friends especially among the newspaper community, was all the more marked as his reputation for integrity and accuracy created a general impression that the whole affair was a mistake.

procedure in order to qualify for such refunds may be obtained at the Assessment Department, Marina House, No. 17, Queen's Road Central, ground floor.

and that Reuter's chief in Tokyo would be released soon.

The news arrived too late at night to permit the morning newspapers to comment editorially but every newspaper this morning carried the sad news under banner headlines. —Havas.

ROCK CRASH TRAGEDY AT HUNGHOM

A Chinese woman was crushed to death in her bed at 4 a.m. this morning when a huge rock avalanched from the top of a hill and fell on the hut in which she was sleeping.

Another woman who was in the same hut narrowly escaped a similar fate and has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

The hut in which the two women were staying was in Valley Road in the Hunghom District. It was located just below a hill.

Apparently loosened by yesterday's rain, a huge rock on the hill above the hut crashed on to the hut killing one of the women outright and seriously injuring the other.

JAPAN TO BUILD "AUTOBAHN" ROADS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

To reinforce national defence and meet the needs of industrial expansion, Japan will shortly build "ribbon roads" without crossings, resembling the German "autobahn." The roads will connect Tokyo and Osaka, Shimonoseki, Tokyo and Niigata, Nagoya and Tsuruga and Osaka and Matsuyama. Crossings will be eliminated by elevating the highways and bridging other roads. —Havas.

PETITION GOING FORWARD TO-DAY

The petition of Hong Kong husbands who are seeking modification of the compulsory evacuation scheme was signed by over 500 individuals.

It is learned that the petition is likely to be in the hands of Government early this afternoon.

THREE-HOUR AIR RAIDS IN WALES

Wales had a three-hour air raid during the night; 14 bombs were dropped in a rural area but there were no casualties.

Bombs were dropped in a working class district in north-east England damaging some houses. —Reuter.

PROPERTY BLOWN UP FOR DEFENCE IN SINGAPORE

(Special to "China Mail")

With the rapid completion of the Singapore defences, it is to-day estimated that close on one million sterling worth of residential property was blown up in order to perfect the island's shore defence scheme.

Many of the buildings demolished were gorgeous seaside bungalows, costing several lakhs of dollars.

The area has been levelled out and is now a network of barbed wire entanglements and gun emplacements.

With the Volunteer Force mobilised and all European British subjects conscripted throughout the country, Malaya is bristling with khaki-clad activity and any attempt to invade these shores will be met with a stout-hearted resistance, worthy of the traditions of a great Empire. —Our Own Correspondent.

ensure there will be no dislocation or interruption of the war effort.

Members of the committee will be Sir Percy Bates, Mr. G. W. Dunkley, Lt.-Gen. Sir Robert Haining, General Sir Walter Venn, Lt.-Gen. H. O. B. Wemyss and Mr. R. J. Sinclair. —Reuter.

CUTTING DOWN ARMY'S RED TAPE

THE WAR MINISTER HAS ESTABLISHED A STANDING COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SIR JOHN GRIGG "TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE OF THE WAR OFFICE AND MILITARY COMMANDS WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING SUCH CHANGES OF ORGANISATION AND SIMPLIFICATIONS OF PROCEDURE AS ARE NECESSARY TO GIVE THE ELASTICITY WHICH WAR TIME CONDITIONS DEMAND."

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GUESSWORK IN BALKANS

Germany Waiting For The Soviet To Make Next Move

IRONSIDES COME INTO ACTION

A new type of small armoured car has been built and a famous cavalry regiment has just been equipped with it, it was learned in London last night.

Most of yesterday's Home newspapers carried photographs of the cars, which are called "Ironsides." They are capable of very high speeds and can travel over the roughest ground.

One photograph shows how easily the cars can be camouflaged in woody country and another shows them operating in open country.—Reuter.

AXIS AND BALKANS

A Rome despatch to the official Germany news agency yesterday, summing up the situation at the conclusion of the conversations with Balkan representatives, stated the Axis powers were in complete agreement on Balkan policy which aims at a peaceful solution of all questions by voluntary understanding among the Balkan elements concerned.—Reuter.

SALZBURG TALKS LEAD NOWHERE DEFINITELY

MOST EXPERIENCED POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE ARE CONVINCED THAT UNTIL THE SOVIET NEXT SHOWS THEIR HAND, THE TREND OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BALKANS MUST BE LARGELY GUESSWORK.

RUSSIA AND RUMANIA

Soviet Russia has another complaint against Rumania.

A Moscow message says that Russia is demanding the return of locomotives and rolling stock. Her requests for the return of this stock, which Moscow claims was illegally withdrawn from Bessarabia and North Bukovina, have so far brought no satisfactory reply.

The withdrawal of the locomotives and rolling stock, says Moscow, violated the agreement by which these territories were ceded to Russia.—Reuter.

Generally it is believed the policy of mutual Russo-German understanding ended with the occupation of Bessarabia and henceforth Soviet policy will be mainly opportunist, influenced to a large extent by the degree to which Germany commits herself in the total offensive against Great Britain.

The Russians are reported to be powerfully established on the Ruthenian border and in some quarters the question is asked: Should Germany throw her weight on England would Russia perhaps seize the opportunity to pour her divisions across the easy southern plain of Hungary to Yugoslavia, where the currents of Pan-Slavism are running more strongly than ever?

In Bulgaria, the Germans and under charter by Great Britain Russians eye each other askance. The Bulgarian statesmen who saw Hitler at Salzburg are not expected to bring back a proposal for settlement of the Dobrudja claims but merely counsel that they settle the issue direct with Rumania in the near future.

If so, this will not surprise official circles but will disappoint the people—who had been led to expect more from the visit.

Negative Chatter

General outcome of the Salzburg audiences seems to have been negative as regards an immediate decision on the revisionist claims.

It would appear that the Rumanian statesmen have accepted Hitler's instructions that Rumania and Hungary shall begin direct negotiations. Berlin correspondents declare Axis interests in South-Eastern Europe remain purely economic and that for these peace must be maintained.

As regards Transylvania, it does not seem to be doubted that Germany requires the eventual cession to Hungary of certain frontier provinces and autonomy under German "protection" for the two and a half million inhabitants.

"Not Deceived"

The present Nazi attitude, according to the "Bucharester Tageblatt," is that Germany has not been deceived by those who have suddenly discovered friendship for her.

Germany, the paper says, wishes a settlement of south-eastern European disputes by direct, bilateral negotiations between countries, but Transylvania is deeply connected with German culture.

The fact that Hitler has not included the German minority there in his migration plans suggests he has already prepared a scheme for taking them under his own protection.

The development at Salzburg has somewhat calmed Rumanian anxieties. This is chiefly because the revision claims again seem to have been momentarily shelved.

Action Only

It is thought likely that the present Rumanian Government will remain in office, only three Iron Guard Ministers who recently resigned being replaced.

Local British protests have been regular and sustained but the truth is that immediate action only by diplomacy is recognised by the Balkans nowadays.

It is understood that as a reprisal for the British detention of Rumanian ships at Port Said, the Rumanian Government has decided to detain 18 British tugs.

Nazi propaganda hints darkly that the south-eastern European states will soon be required to exclude British newspaper correspondents and cease taking foreign news from non-Axis sources.

Nazi Device

The Nazis at present are busy feeding certain correspondents new to the European field with items calculated to give them an overnight fade, and the Germans take the opportunity to pillory a section of the British press and radio for reproducing such reports.

It would seem curious if the Soviet, already dispenser of Bulgarian liberties, did not seize the opportunity to mediate herself with Rumania for the cession of the Dobrudja and thus gain further Bulgarian gratitude.

Recent British sympathy with the Bulgarian claim to the southern Dobrudja is reported to have incensed the Nazis.

Their propaganda organisation in south-east Europe now alleges Britain started the revisionist agitation in the Balkans to foment trouble, whereas Germany wants peace.

The Russians are maintaining a firm attitude. They are occupied in Bessarabia with the discipline and rough justice which the territory requires.

Moscow Demand

A demand addressed by Moscow to Rumania that returning Bessarabians shall be well treated under pain of "frontier measures" is reported by a traveller from Bukovina to have been backed by a fresh concentration of motorised divisions and troops along the new frontier of the River Pruth.—Reuter.

FLYING SQUADS FOR THE HOME GUARD

The Home Guard is to have a "Flying Squad" of fast cars, and special mobile units are being formed this week.

The cars will act as liaison between the military and the Home Guard and also carry out general reconnaissance, engaging the enemy where necessary.

The whole of Britain's railway system is now being patrolled by armed railway workers, who volunteered for the new "Railway Section" of the Home Guard.—Reuter.

LOSS OF THE DESTROYER "WREN"

In a recent battle between German aeroplanes and British destroyers on patrol, H.M.S. Wren was hit by a bomb and sunk.

Another destroyer, H.M.S. Montrose, shot down two Nazi bombers.

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RUMANIA'S CARD AGAINST THE GERMAN "SALZBURG DIKTAT"

THE RUMANIAN Prime Minister and Foreign Minister returned to Bucharest yesterday from their talks with the Axis leaders and were received by King Carol shortly after their arrival. They spent the whole afternoon at the Palace.

The statesmen are reported to have declared themselves satisfied with their conference with the German leaders.

It appears no concrete plans were submitted to them. Rather has there been an extensive exchange of views in which the economic situation in south-east Europe figured largely.

According to the personal comment of one member of the delegation, Hitler appeared to have aged considerably since he last seen him several months previously and seemed particularly preoccupied.

Hitler is stated to have used a number of graphical maps and to have urged the Rumanians to begin direct negotiations with the Sofia and Budapest Governments at the earliest possible moment.

Despite the satisfaction expressed at the apparent outcome of the visit, Rumania has simply been granted a period of probation.

Gaining Time

This is only because the Axis powers are seeking to gain time before making a move to the south-east which might precipitate war before the harvest is gathered or alarm Soviet Russia into making further "inconvenient moves."

This German fear of imminent trouble in the south-east is indeed Rumania's strongest card for warding off active German support of the Hungarian demands.

The possibility of reforming Rumania's National Government is again in view. King Carol's recent reception of the ex-Prime Minister, M. Tatarescu, and his sounding of other national leaders are regarded as pointing to this.

In addition, M. Maniu, the national peasant leader who has just returned to Bucharest after a long absence in Transylvania, significantly told a political friend that in Transylvania there is much indignation against the Hungarians, and he feared for what would happen should cession of part of Transylvania be decided on.

Carol's Position

On present issues King Carol is now considered to be face to face with the nation.

It is thought in some quarters that the only solution is to reject the "Salzburg diktat." Faced with a firm Rumanian attitude it is thought Hitler could not risk war in the Balkans.—Reuter.

EVACUEES BARRED BY MALAYA

British evacuee women in Manila who expressed a wish to proceed to Malaya at their own expense have been refused the privilege it is officially disclosed.

They were informed by the British Consul-General in Manila: "In view of the expressed desire of many women evacuated from Hong Kong to proceed at their own expense to Malaya instead of continuing to Australia, the British consul general referred the matter to the governor at Singapore. He is now in receipt of a reply regretting that permission cannot be granted to women evacuated from Hong Kong to enter Malaya. This decision is based on purely domestic reasons and does not in any way imply that any emergency exists in Malaya."

SWITZERLAND COMES BACK INTO NEWS

A New York newspaper report that Germany has addressed requests to Switzerland was declared in authoritative Swiss circles yesterday to be completely unfounded.

It is understood in Swiss financial circles, however, that trade negotiations in progress between Switzerland and Germany are likely to be prolonged because of the uncompromising attitude of the Swiss to all kinds of conditions put forward by the German delegation.—Reuter.

JAPANESE RAIDS IN SZECHUEN

An official communique issued in Chungking on the Japanese raids of July 28 states: "Sixty-three Japanese bombers participated in Sunday's raids on Szechuen cities. Japanese aircraft dropped bombs on Wanhshien, below Chungking, starting several fires.

Twenty-seven bombers proceeded westward along the Yangtse River heading for Chungking. After reaching a point below Chungking the bombers turned southward, probably owing to bad weather conditions here and bombed Hanchuan three times and dropped pamphlets."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ON INSPECTION TOUR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

When President Roosevelt arrived at Norfolk, Va., yesterday he only waited for the 21-gun salute to finish before stepping ashore and beginning his inspection of the naval yards.

He is conducting an inspection of naval, aerial and coastal defences.—Havas.

ANOTHER BURGLARY IN ROBINSON ROAD

Money and jewellery to the value of \$305 were stolen from the residence of Lee Chung-ling, No. 73, Robinson Road, between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. yesterday.

While waiting for a tramcar in Morrison Hill Road yesterday, Mrs. R. E. Jones, of No. 23, Cameron Road, had her wrist-watch snatched by a Chinese who escaped.



Some fine specimens of manhood were seen at a Command depot in England where a number of Maoris have arrived. Photo shows—a happy picture of one of the Maoris at the depot. (Copyright, Fox.)

STREET SLEEPERS SWAMPED OUT BY MORNING STORM

STREET SLEEPERS in several districts on both the island and mainland were driven from their usual haunts early this morning by sudden heavy rainfall which occurred shortly after 5 a.m.

Streets were flooded in several areas and many early workers had to take off their shoes and wade in several inches of water to reach bus and tramcar stops.

Nurses returning to the Kwong Wah Hospital had to discard footwear to reach the Hospital. The whole area between Nathan Road and Waterloo Road, surrounding the Kowloon Mortuary, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the Kwong Wah Hospital was under several inches of muddy water brought down from the nearby hillsides by the sudden heavy shower.

Throughout yesterday it rained almost continuously until 7 a.m. to-day. The only hours when no rainfall was recorded by the Observatory being between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., this morning over half an inch was recorded, but the heaviest rainfall was experienced between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. when a total of 1.11 inches were registered for the hour, bringing the total amount from 10 a.m. yesterday to 7 a.m. to-day to 4.645 inches.

CHINESE COMMENT ON ARRESTS

The local Chinese Press this morning prominently features the arrest of 10 Britons in Japan.

The "Kung Sheung Daily News" warns Britain against further "appeasement." "The more Britain resorts to appeasement, the more arrogant Japan will become." Britain should realise that Japan's political machinery is in the hands of militarists and that it is futile to make concessions to her civilian leaders.

It asks Britain to allay fears of Japan creating trouble in the Pacific for the Axis Powers. Such apprehension, indicates that Britain has over-rated Japan's present strength, which has been considerably sapped in the China Campaign.

The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" believes that the latest incident in Japan will considerably strain Anglo-Japanese relations. Hopes for better relations between the two countries have been dashed to the ground. Since British rights and interests in the Far East are considered by the Japanese as stumbling blocks to the "New Order" it is not unexpected that Anglo-Japanese relations are turning from bad to worse.

The "Ta Kung Pao" says that the arrests furnish Britain with a clearer insight into that country.—Central News.

SOVIET NAVAL CLAIMS

The strength of the Soviet Navy now exceeds that of the Japanese and German Fleets combined, declared Rear-Admiral Trainis, commanding the Soviet Fleet in Latvian Waters, speaking at Libau (Latvia) yesterday.

He added, according to Reuter's correspondent in Stockholm, that when the Five Year Plan is completed in 1943, it is expected that the Soviet Navy will be among the first navies of the world.—Reuter.

ANOTHER TYPHOON

ANOTHER TYPHOON WAS REPORTED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY THIS MORNING, THOUGH THE NEW DISTURBANCE PRESENTS NOT EVEN AN INDIRECT THREAT TO HONG KONG.

The typhoon is situated about 500 miles east of north Formosa and is moving north-westward.

Pressure is highest over Japan and the Pacific to the eastward and is relatively low over south-west China and Tongking.

The Colony can expect further showers to-day though the weather is likely to improve later.

TRAWLER SUNK

An Admiralty communique in London yesterday announced that H.M. trawler Staunton had been sunk by an enemy mine.—Reuter.

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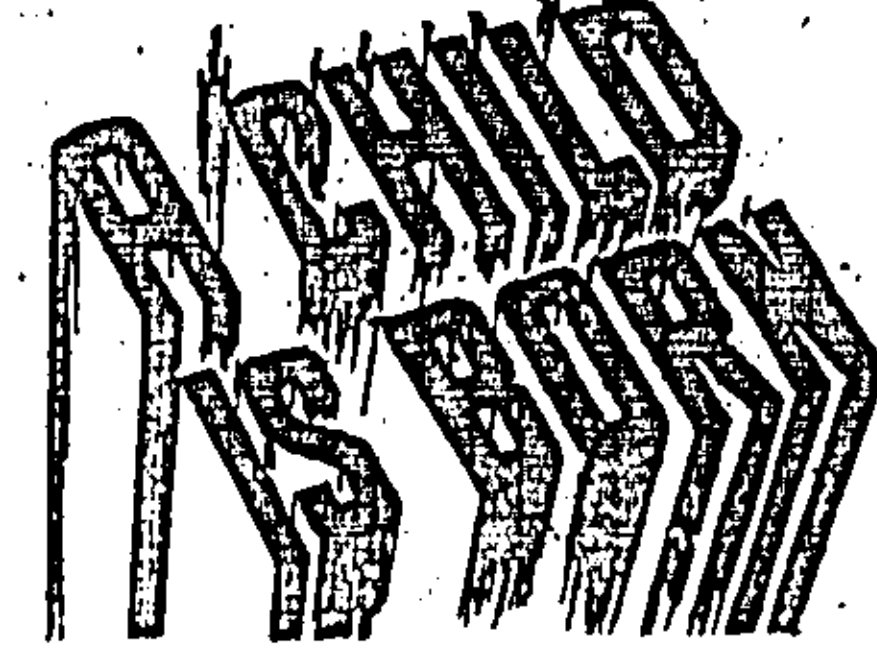
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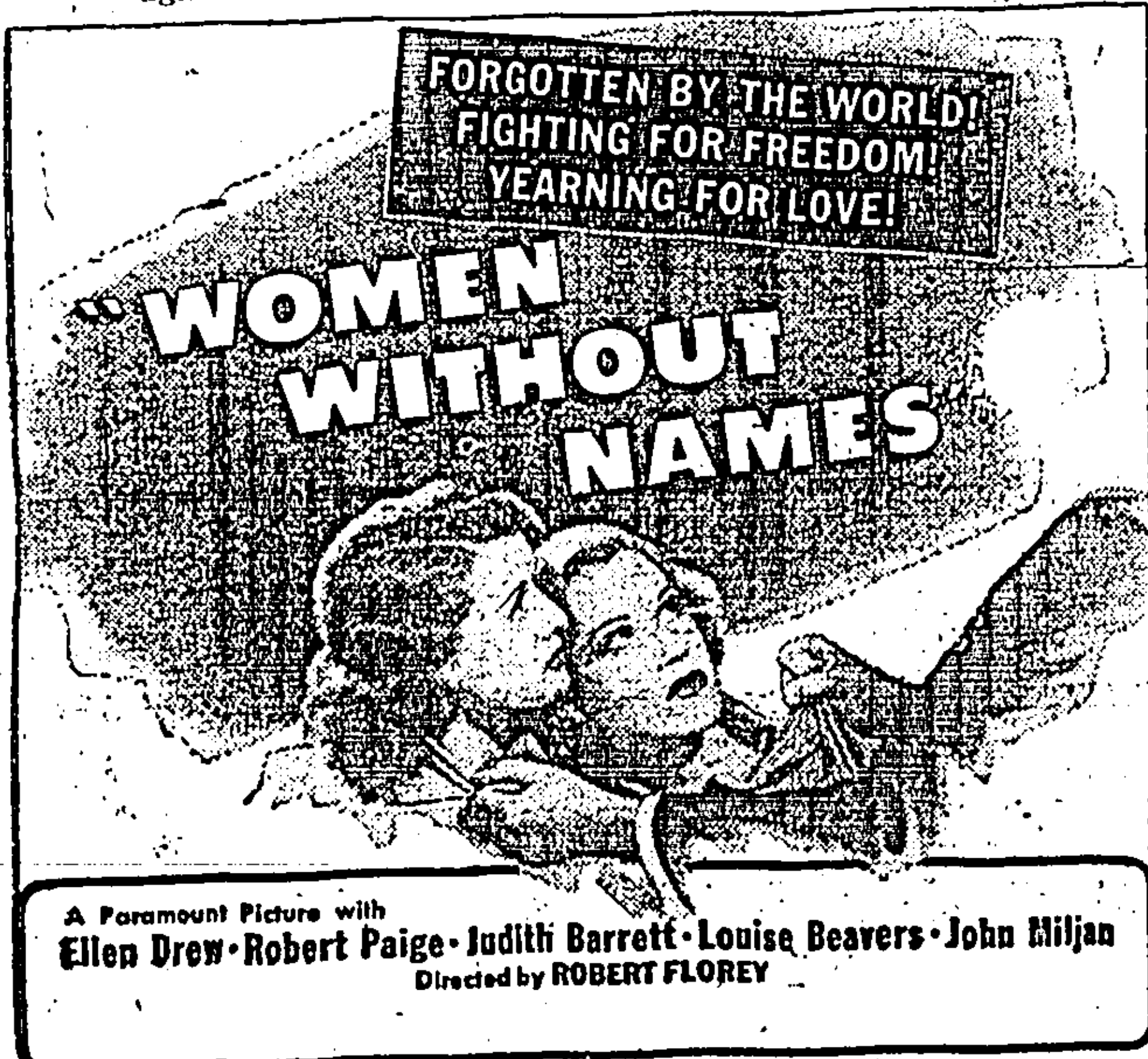
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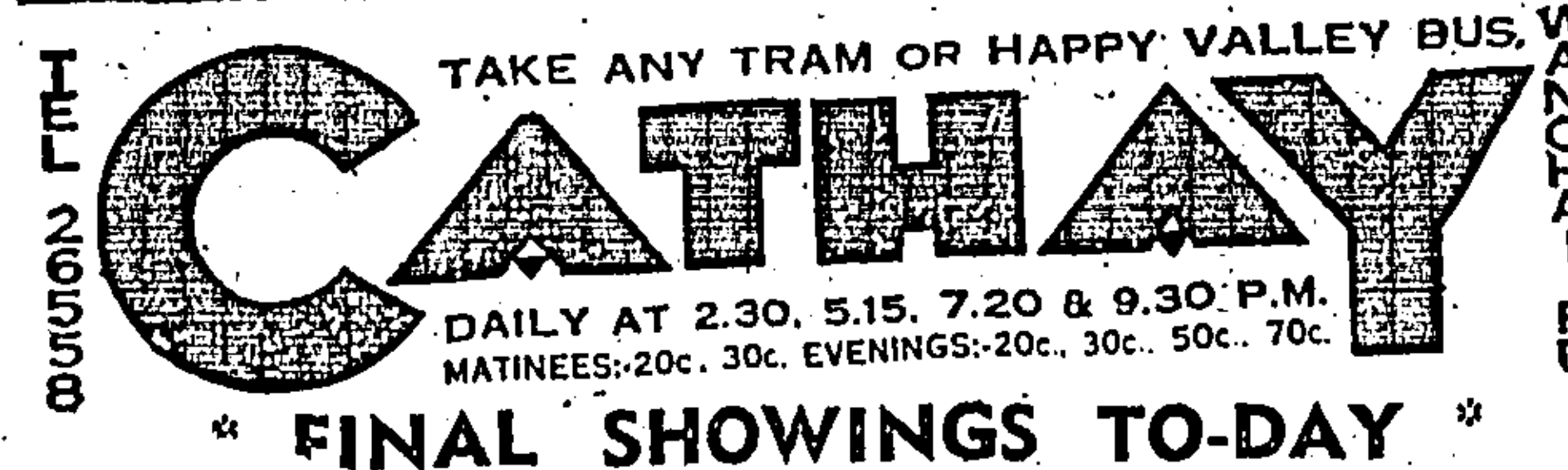
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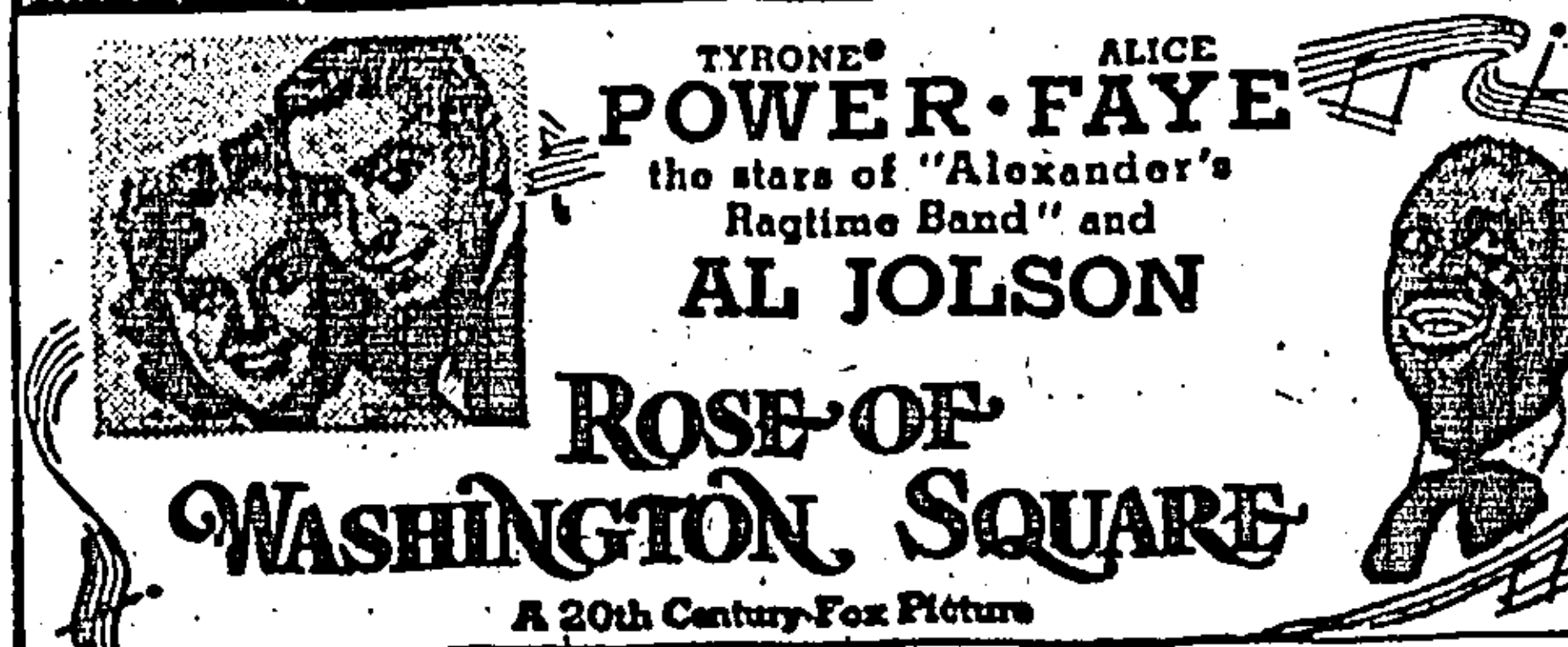
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ABYSSINIA CUT OFF COMPLETELY: CONTROL OF RED SEA

REUTER'S SPECIAL correspondent at Suez reports that traffic through the Suez Canal, which virtually came to a standstill after Italy's entry into the war, has now considerably increased.

Suez, which has now become Egypt's main port, is buzzing with activity. Despite the increasing accommodation, many ships have to be passed on to Port Said or Alexandria for unloading.

The Anglo-French situation in regard to the Canal is satisfactory and French officials are co-operating whole-heartedly with the British naval authorities and the Egyptian authorities.

There is no news of the majority of the Canal directors who are believed to be somewhere in France but under the direction of the Agent-General of the Canal in Egypt, Baron de Benoist, who is now virtually head of the Suez Canal administration, all is working smoothly and dues are being deposited in Cairo.

Compared with the position of the British forces in the Middle East, the picture of the enemy armies in Abyssinia is dismal.

Abyssinia Cut Off

Abyssinia, entirely cut off from supplies and war material, has been forced onto the defensive.

Although British mercantile shipping passes within easy gunshot range of the Eritrean coast in the narrow Mandeh Straits, the Italian navy and coastal batteries do not even attempt to molest the ships.

At the outbreak of war Italy had several submarines in the Red Sea, for at least one of which the Royal Navy has accounted.

Italy's only remaining medium for striking against British ships is by means of mines.

The necessity of conserving supplies owing to the depredations of the R.A.F. is causing anxiety and considerable supplies of mechanized material may shortly be needed to cope with the growing menace of revolt among the Abyssinian tribes.

Red Sea Control

In British naval circles stationed along the Suez Canal, Reuter was told:

"Egypt cannot now be cut off from supplies as the British Navy

has beaten back enemy warships towards Massawa and Assab and owing to the constant watch and preponderance of British naval forces in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean, they do not dare to molest British convoys."

The versatility and resource of the British Empire is very apparent in this part of the world for despite the curtailment of traffic in the Mediterranean for British shipping, nobody here is anxious and there is no rationing as England has called on the Eastern Hemisphere to supply Egypt.

It is shortly expected to be feasible to bring planes and other material for the Middle East Command from America to Egypt across the world by this eastern route.—Reuter.

COMPULSORY TRAINING PLAN IN U.S.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent Congress a draft of the suggested legislation to permit him to order the National Guard and the Officers Reserve Corps into active training.

In a letter which was read to the Senate, President Roosevelt said these men would be returned to civilian life when they had been sufficiently trained to handle the most modern equipment.

President Roosevelt recalled he recently asked Congress to authorize him to order out the National Guard when necessary but he did not consider this power sufficient.—Reuter.

BOAT PRECAUTION

Motor and sailing craft, as well as rowing boats, punts and canoes, must be rendered incapable of use when left unattended, by an order of the Ministry of Home Security in London yesterday.—Reuter.

WALLACE RESIGNATION CALLED FOR

(Special to "China Mail")

Congressional leaders are reported to be asking for the resignation of Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, before he begins his campaign for the Vice-Presidency of the United States.—Havas.

SPRINGBOK TROOPS IN KENYA

It was announced yesterday that troops from South Africa have arrived in Kenya.

The following message from the King was read to the men by the Governor of Kenya:

"Once again forces from the Union of South Africa have come to East Africa to take part with other members of the British Commonwealth in the fight for the future of their own country and for the safety of all freedom loving peoples."

"As you enter the field of war I send you my best wishes, confident that with your help our cause will triumph."—Reuter.

Air Operations

A communique in Nairobi yesterday stated: "Our air force successfully bombed a concentration of enemy troops and camel transports in the neighbourhood of Moyale. Only light anti-aircraft opposition was encountered."—Reuter.

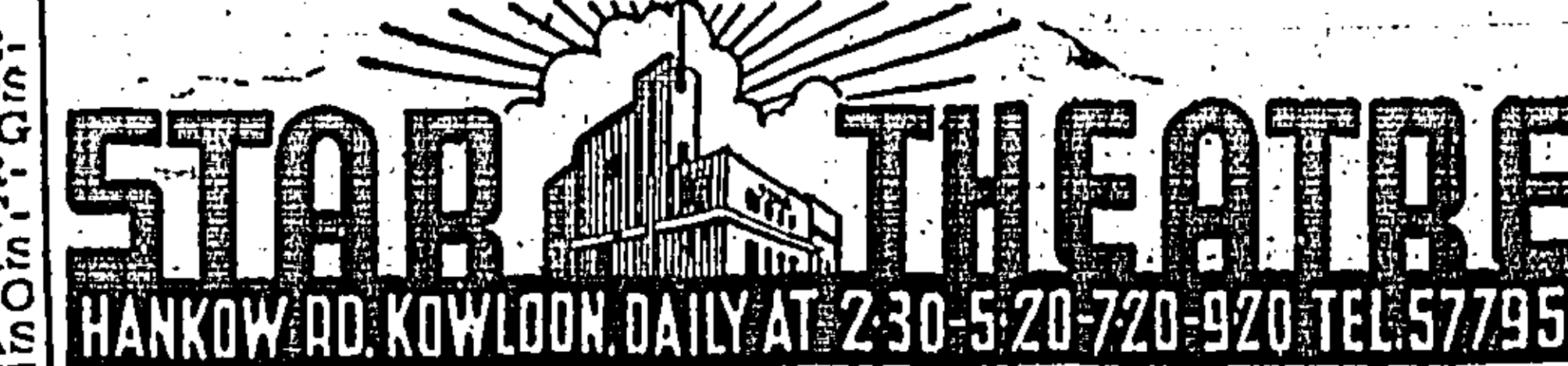
PORTUGUESE CURRENCY CONTROL

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
The free market for Portuguese currency was closed in London yesterday by the British Government. Henceforth the escudo rate will be controlled at 99.20 to 100.20.—Havas.

PREMIER THANKS ARGENTINE

A REPLY TO THE TELEGRAM OF SENOR CARLOS PUEYRREDON, EXPRESSING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ARGENTINE PRO-ALLY COMMITTEE—RECEIPT OF WHICH HAS GIVEN GREAT PLEASURE TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE—HAS BEEN SENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Churchill says: "Thank you so much for your kind message. Coming from our friends in the great Argentine Republic, our secular ties with which are so highly valued, its tribute to the steadfastness of our people and the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown is especially welcome and encouraging. Backed by the united Empire we are resolved to pursue to a victorious conclusion the struggle against Nazism and all that it implies for the whole world and thereby ensure the firm establishment of the principles of decency and Christian civilisation. The good wishes and support of our friends across the seas greatly heartens us in the discharge of the task which lies before us."—British Wireless.



* TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW *

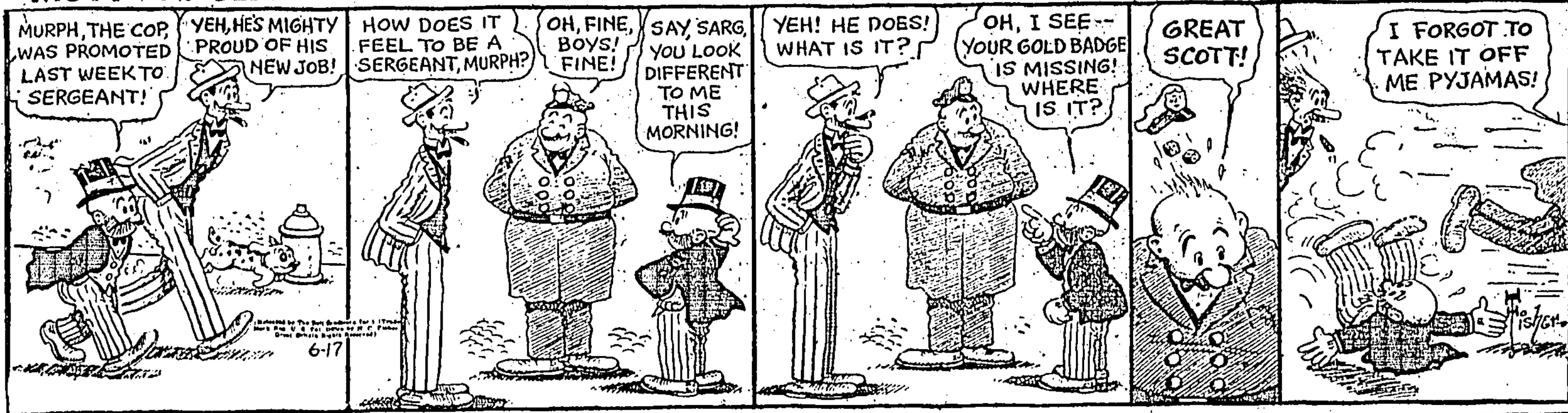


* THURSDAY *

"KNIGHT WITHOUT ARMOUR"

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



SOVIET ADMIRES ROYAL NAVY

The Soviet newspaper "Pravda" yesterday said Britain's naval losses have been very small and practically without significance, being only about 3/5 per cent. of the total tonnage.

The successful evacuation from Dunkirk revealed the power of the British fleet and also showed that an invasion of Britain would be very difficult and that it would be almost impossible to conquer Britain's overseas possessions.

Germany, of course, has a much less powerful fleet than the British.

British sea history has taught that the most important things about a navy are organisation and discipline.

"We intend to concentrate on those two points. We shall give the Red Navy the best organisation and the best discipline and the best technical construction that can be achieved."—Reuter.

R.A.F. ATTACKS ON NAZI OIL DEPOTS AND AERODROMES

ROYAL AIR FORCE bombers carried out an attack in strong force on German factories and supply centres during Sunday/Monday night, including visits to seventeen aerodromes.

Some hundreds of planes took part in the combination of raids, and only three are missing.

The Air Ministry, in an official communique on the raids, says: "Last night, Air Force bombers attacked military objectives in Northern and Western Germany."

The targets chosen for attack included oil depots, docks, railway goods yards.

Other machines concentrated on enemy aerodromes, and seventeen were attacked in Germany, Holland, Belgium and Northern France.

Coastal Command aircraft again raided the Cherbourg oil tanks. Many fires were started and all our machines returned safely.

One machine of the Bomber Command made a daylight attack yesterday on Leeuwarden Aerodrome in Holland. A number of enemy aircraft on the ground were damaged. On the return journey, this bomber was engaged by four enemy fighters, one of which was shot down. The bomber returned safely.—Reuter.

Yellow Glow In Sky

There was a yellow glow over the Cherbourg oil tanks when the pilot of a Coastal Command Blenheim saw them through a haze of smoke early yesterday morning.

Others in his squadron had been there before him with heavy and incendiary bombs. He dropped his own load and there were big explosions on the ground. The Blenheims had scored many direct hits on the tanks.

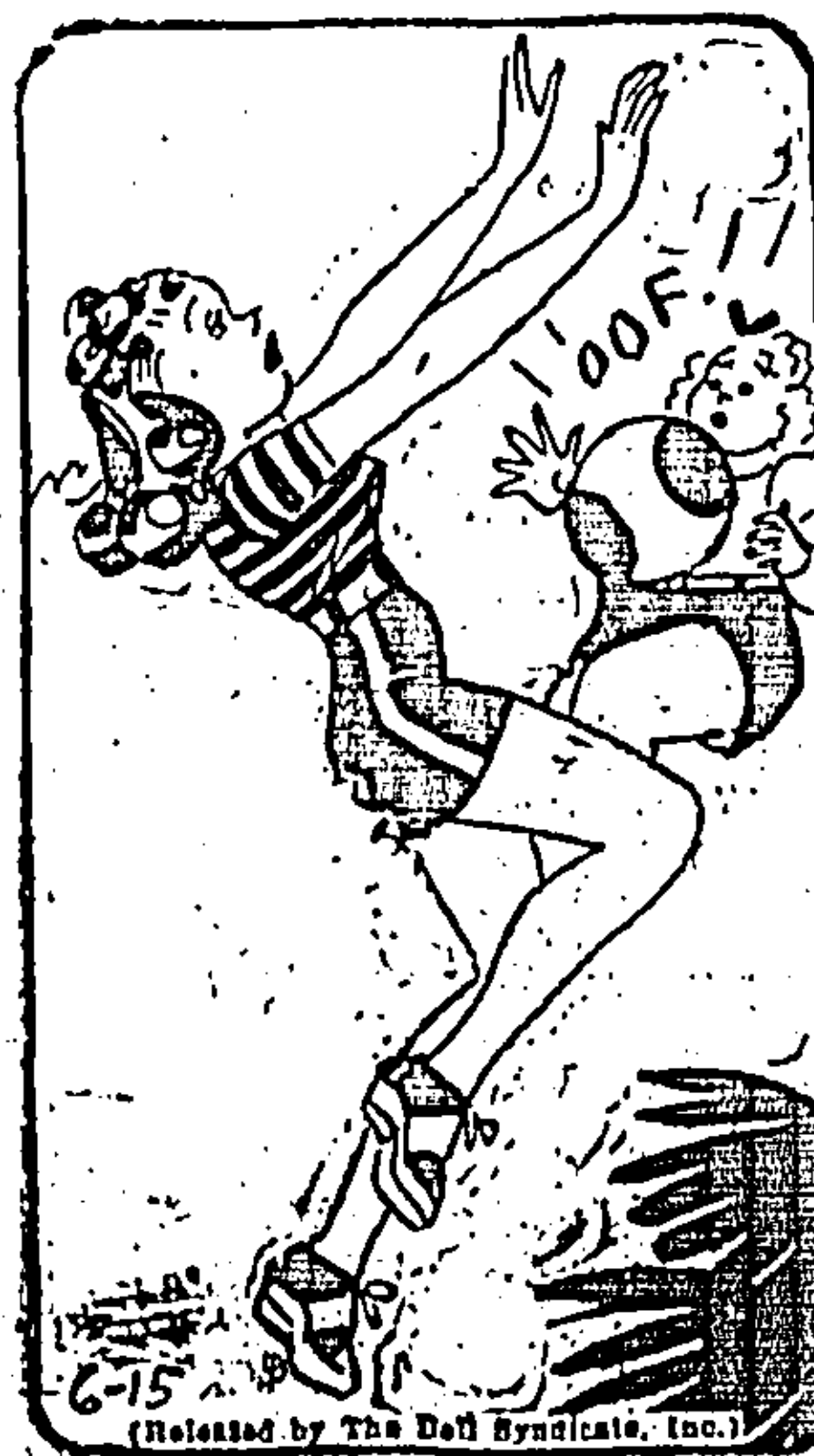
One pilot bombed the hangars of an aerodrome and saw a great yellow flash.

The pilot of another Blenheim was worried by a ring of searchlights. He bombed them and the lights went out.

A German-occupied aerodrome on the Dutch coast was also attacked this time by Hudsons of the Coastal Command. Many fires were started on the airfield.—British Wireless.

MEDICAL FARE IN ARMS FACTORIES

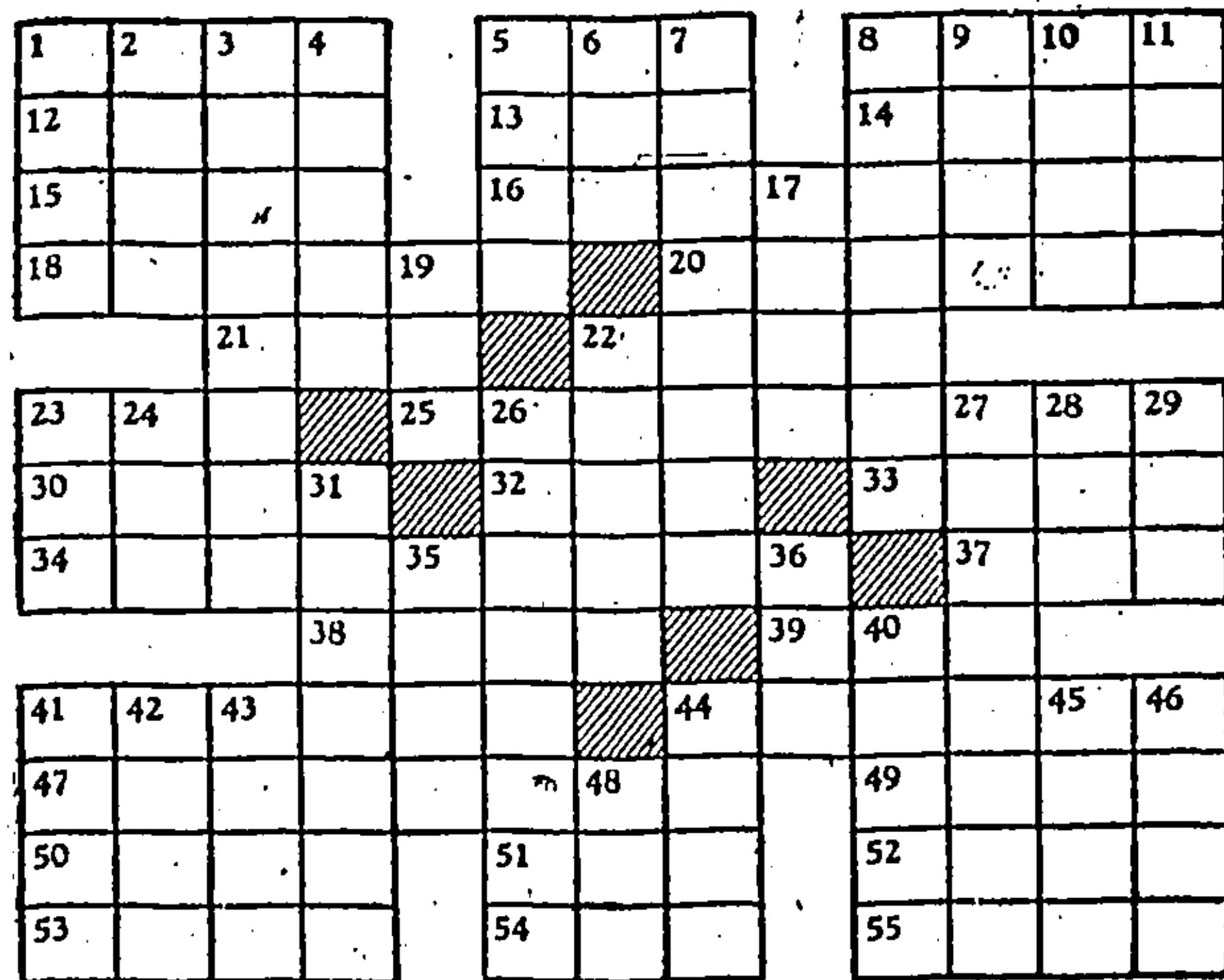
An Order issued by the Ministry of Labour authorises factory inspectors to give directions that munition factories arrange for the employment of the necessary number of persons to maintain medical supervisions, nursing and first aid and welfare supervision of workers employed by them.—British Wireless.



Dieting Dot says all these beach exercises might count for something in the game of reducing if it weren't that they worked up mammoth appetites.

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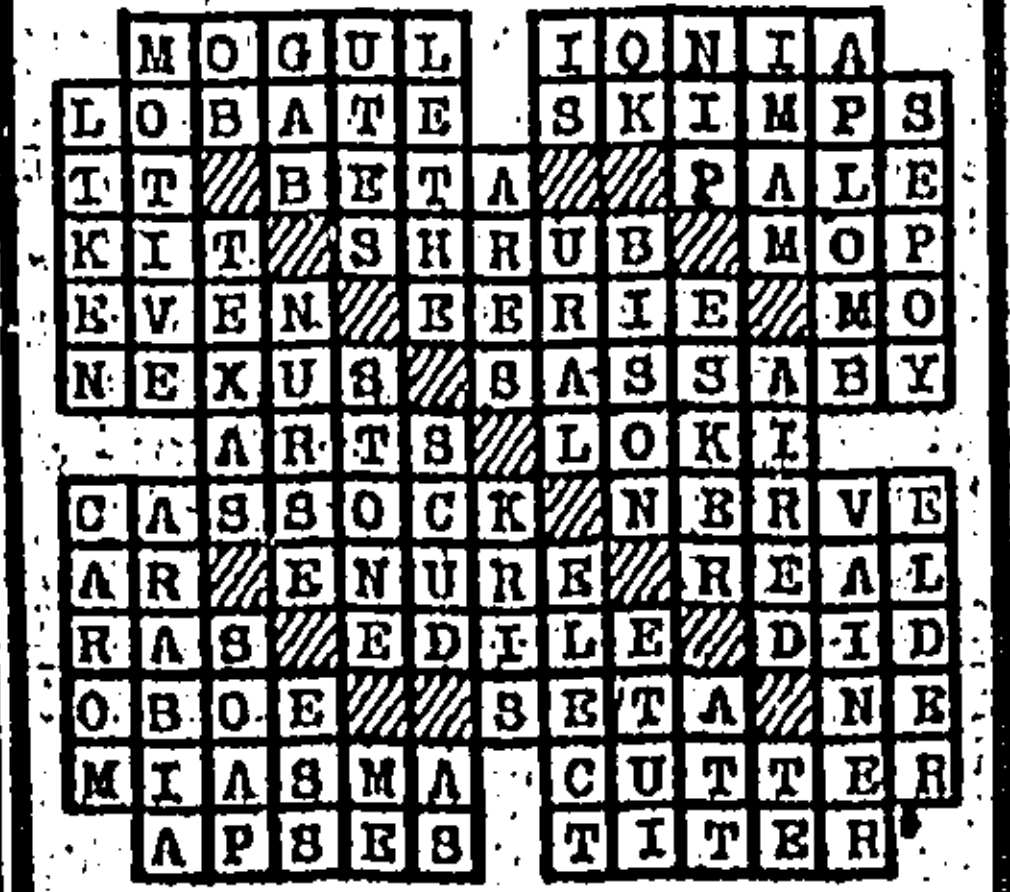
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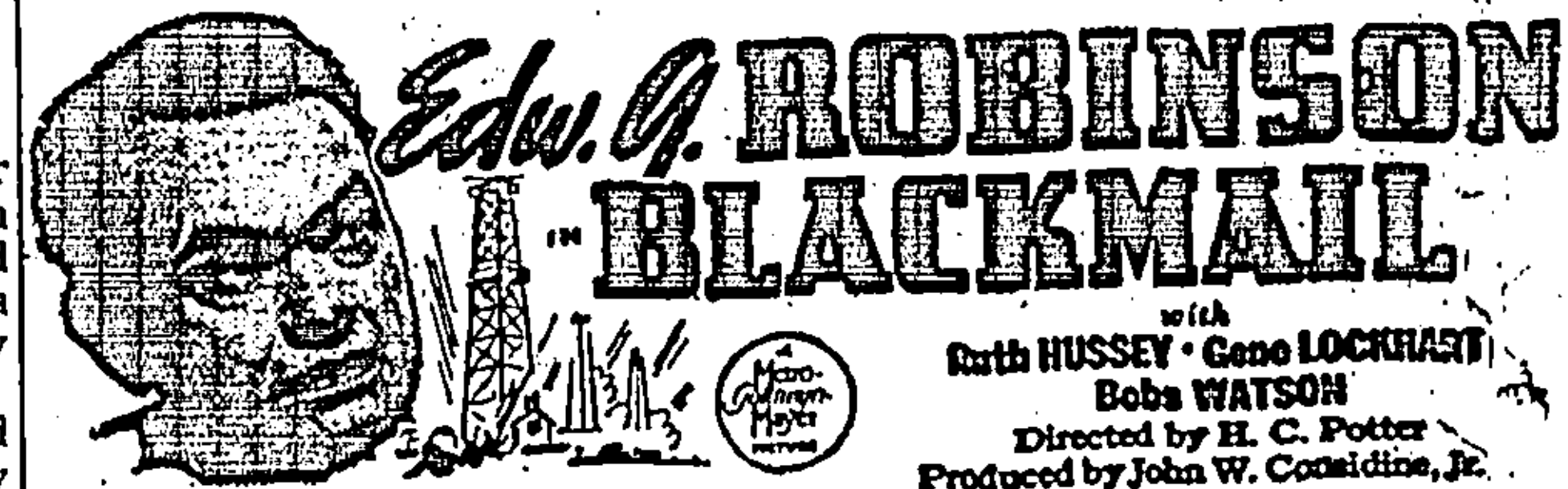
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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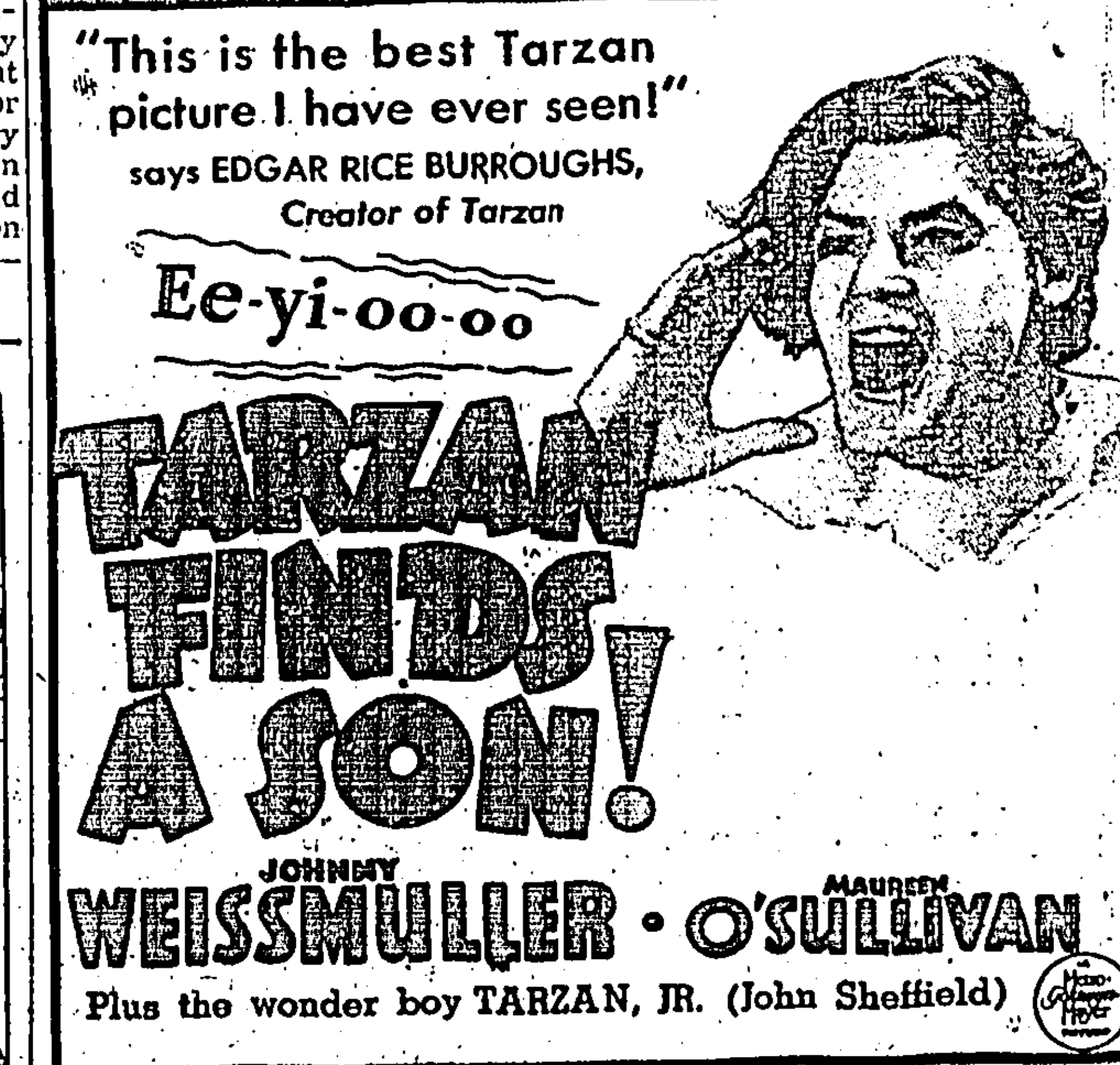
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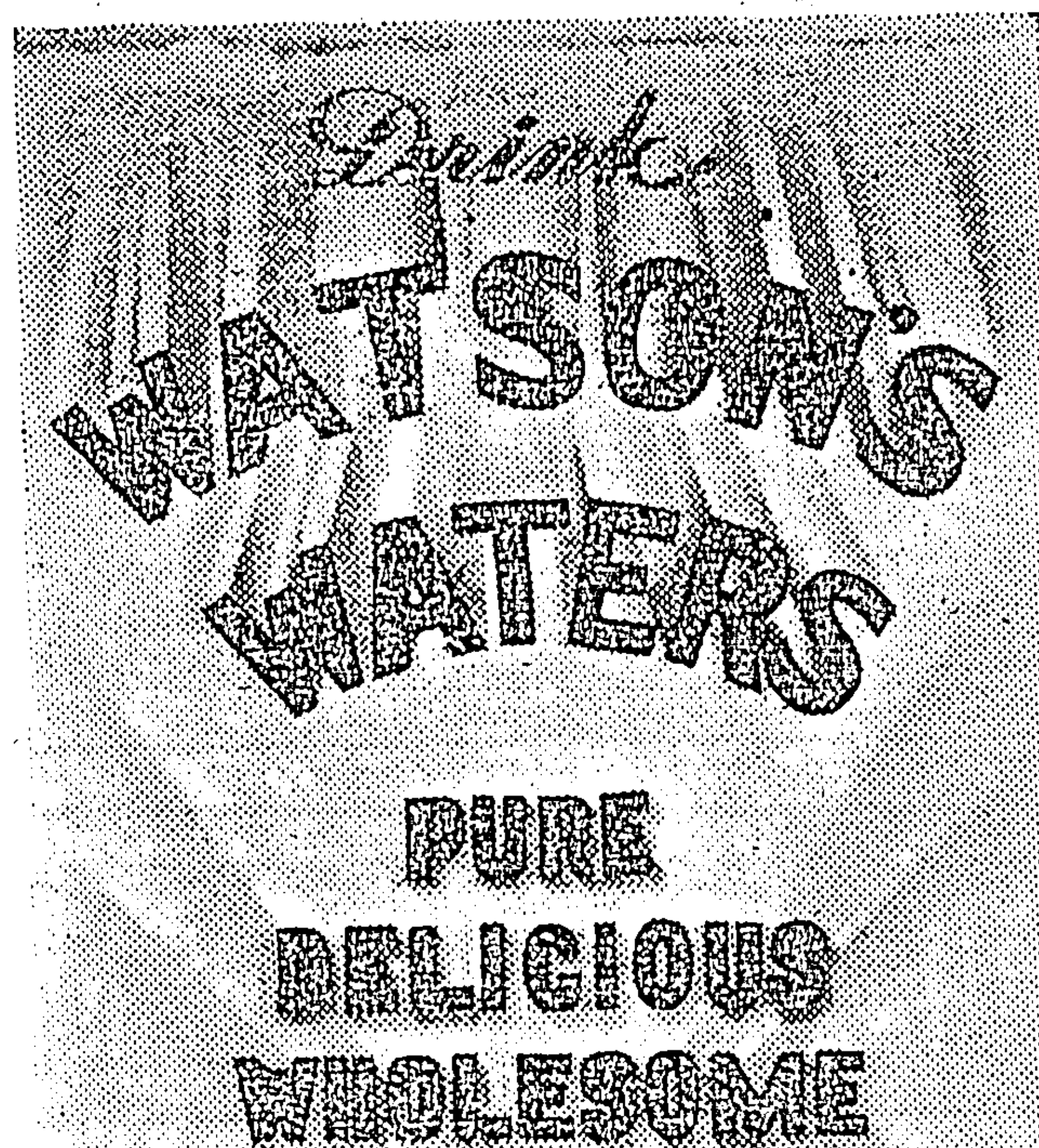


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Munitions Drive Strain: Ministry Calls A Halt

REALISING THAT continuation of excessive hours of work is likely to defeat the object of increased production for which increased hours were temporarily introduced in war industries, the Minister of Labour has sent a series of suggestions drawn up in consultation with the British Employers Confederation and the Trades Union Congress to all firms producing munitions and war material.

These notes say: "Continuation of the seven-day working with an average working week of between 70 and 80 hours will quickly cause a rapid decrease in individual productivity owing to abnormal strain.

"If prolonged, the output achieved in seven days will become less than what could have been achieved with the same group of workers in a shorter period.

It is necessary therefore that the average hours of work should be reduced to a lower level, the ideal being a figure which will give under existing conditions maximum output.

It is not easy to determine this figure which varies according to circumstances of different industries but experience shows that it is materially below the general hours at present being worked on war production.

Adequate Rest Periods

It may not be practicable to effect the necessary adjustment at once, in which case the immediate provision of adequate rest periods will assist to prevent undue fatigue.

The Minister therefore states that the labour force must be speedily increased but while this is taking place—and new labour will have to be trained for the work—the strain on worker must be relieved by an immediate reduction of hours.

Where practicable, relief workers should be called upon if possible for two day and two night shifts.

The Minister's notes include illustrations of rotas which could be worked in factories to gain the desired result. Industrial experts are agreed that a 55 hour week is most satisfactory in wartime and likely to effect maximum production. — British Wireless.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

A well-known film producer, now a "ferry" pilot with the R.A.F., has designed a set of "waste not, want not" posters for the food economy drive.

Like those designed by Fougasse for the Government's anti-gossip campaign, these posters aim at putting over a serious lesson with a smile. One, of Field Marshal Georing, has an arrow pointing to his ample belt and carries the caption, "This is filled by Your Waste."

Another shows a dinner plate, piled to overflowing with good food and crossed through in black ink: "Remember you can always come back for more."

The picture on the third poster is a German Iron Cross. "Don't earn one of these," the artist says, "by wasting food."

Finally, there is a picture of a fighter aircraft diving, with the message: "Help to buy more of these by not wasting food."

The posters are displayed on the walls of the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and the Alrmen's "Dining Hall" at the Fighter station to which the pilot-film-producer is attached.

DROWNING VICTIM'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Paddy Hutton, six-year old son of Mrs. G. Hutton, one of the Hong Kong evacuees, who was drowned at Long Beach, La Union, took place in Baguio City cemetery. The ceremony was impressive with Rev. Eschbach officiating.

Among those in attendance were the British consul general, Mrs. I. D. K. MacRae, wife of Major MacRae of the Seaforth Headquarters, Hong Kong and Red Cross representatives. Wreaths were sent by the British consul general, Mrs. MacRae, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Arnott, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Davies and many others.

Surviving are his parents Sergeant and Mrs. Hutton and two younger brothers, Martin and Roger.

'AGREEMENT OF HAVANA' APPROVED BY CONFERENCE

THE PLENARY conference of Ministers of the Pan-American Conference at Havana yesterday approved the "Agreement of Havana" which provides that American nations may act individually or collectively should their integrity be threatened by the transfer of colonies.

The agreement lays down that if the need for action becomes so urgent that action cannot be delayed, the American republics may individually or collectively act in whatever manner they deem advisable for defence of their territories or the entire continent.

This is regarded as signifying Latin-American approval of the United States taking over the defence of the whole continent and confining the theatre of war to Europe.

The agreement provides for the establishment of an emergency committee of seven members which may assume the administration of a threatened colony in the event of a threat occurring before enactment of the convention.

After the enactment, the administration will be transferred to an inter-American commission of territorial administration to be formed by representatives of the nations.

British Honduras

The conference also passed a resolution supporting Guatemala in the controversy with Britain over British Honduras.

The report of the economic commission was also passed.

R.A.F. CAPTAIN GETS THE BIRD

As a result of a recent night engagement over the North Sea, one seagull is dead, one aircraft is undergoing minor repairs, and one British pilot is nursing a slightly bloodshot eye.

The seagull made its attack just as the crew were returning after a fairly difficult time with the enemy and were congratulating themselves on the success of their mission.

In the words of the captain: "I was flying fairly low in filthy weather when suddenly there was a bang. I was covered with large pieces of Perspex, my helmet knocked off and my helmet cords and oxygen tubes wound at the same time I felt something hit my eye. For a second or two I wondered what had happened, and then found that the damage had been done by a seagull. I hope that in future seagulls will carry navigation lights."

MODIFIED CONSCRIPTION IN CANADA

Canadian men will be called up at the rate of 30,000 a month beginning on October 1, under the National Resources Mobilisation Act, said the Defence Minister, Col. Ralston, in the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday.

The men will be drafted into non-permanent active militia and each will get 30 days training.

He added it had been decided to complete the organisation of a Canadian corps of two divisions overseas but they would not send further troops for the moment "as Britain has no serious shortage of manpower."

The third and fourth divisions, which were practically complete, would be trained and equipped in Canada. — Reuter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Mr. Sammy Chang, the late managing editor of the "Shanghai Evening Post" (Chinese edition), who was murdered in Shanghai recently, was held yesterday at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

A great number of friends and relatives attended the service, including many Chungking Government officials such as Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. O. K. Yui, Dr. Andrew Lee, Mr. Foo You-lin, and Dr. John Wu.

Mr. Eugene Chen and Bishop Hall were among the others present.



MOSCOW MOVES

Had Britain and Russia been able to agree on a formula for the Baltic region, war in Europe might have been prevented. Almost certainly it would have been postponed. But the fears of Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia had to be considered, in London's view. These States feared Russia as much as they did Germany.

Now a tragically ironic circle is completed as Russia "takes over" the three tiny Baltic States, to push Russia's frontiers still farther outward from Moscow, as they have already done in Poland. The Soviet leaders are obviously engaged in that realistic kind of defence which begins beyond national borders. For the Germany that they set loose upon the world when they signed Herr von Ribbentrop's pact is a more dangerous power than the Russians supposed.

Had the war reached a stalemate or continued as a war of attrition, Stalin could have considered himself the winner without making a move. But events have not followed the Kremlin's design for them. Russia's world position is not being enhanced but jeopardized by the success of German armies. In an unpredictable situation Russia must look to its fences.

That is the explanation of the Baltic move, an explanation which suits for Bessarabia and which the present administrators of the Dardanelles must read with growing concern now that the role of sinister bystander no longer serves Russian interest.

PEACE OFFENSIVE

Hitler has still not abandoned hope of a truce to war, although he continues, perforce, with preparations for an attack on Britain.

What ground he has for hoping Britain will change her mood to suit Berlin's we do not see. No peace could possibly be lasting on totalitarian terms.

For France, life under Hitlerism must be more intolerable than was Napoleon's domination for Germany. If some sort of "peace" be patched up now it can only mean a later renewal of the struggle. Napoleon won victory after victory but could not finally conquer Europe. Neither can the Nazis.

The eventual victory rests with ideas and the free peoples are possessed by ideas whose truth and vitality must inevitably

Caravan

The days are longer now and the countryside gay with colour. This morning, after walking a dozen miles or so around the food of Titterstone Clee, I stood for a while in the garden of a half-timbered cottage, a cottage that is the post-office of a small hamlet half-hidden in a leafy hollow. While I stood and stared about the garden, I wondered how many men in the city would have done my morning's work—a twelve-mile tramp with a post-bag—and considered it a pleasure. There are days when work seems easy, when the wheels of life seem well oiled. This was just such a day. A cool air, good for walking, fields well-farmed and quiet contentment all around, birds singing and the sun warming the soil. For almost four hours, I had been walking through fields and woods and lanes; calm, unruffled pleasure had been mine.

Before starting back on my return journey, I had about four hours' rest, four hours' freedom. I wandered slowly to the outskirts of the hamlet, where a farmer's son whom I know was putting up a post and rail fence. As I passed under the window of the small stone-built school, I stood for a while. It always gives me great pleasure to hear little children singing in unison. This time it was not a singing lesson I heard. A voice, hardly more than a whisper, drifted off into nothingness and all was quiet; then another voice, childish yet firm and clear, began—

"I wish I lived in a caravan, With a horse to drive a pedlar-man; Where he comes from nobody knows, Or where he goes to—but on he goes."

These simple words set me thinking. I walked on to find that the farmer's son had gone and left his job unfinished. I sat on a post and leaned my back against another which had been fixed in the ground.

"I wish I lived in a caravan." Well, there is a good deal to be said in favour of such a life. No rent, no rates, no taxes. And what freedom! A little house on wheels, not cluttered up with all manner of lumber and useless odds and ends. No—just the necessary things of life. And, if I lived in a caravan, I would keep away from all towns and main roads; although it would, I feel sure, give me some real pleasure to drive slowly through a busy little town now and then. I would enjoy the contrast—the

hurry, scurrying people, the swiftly-moving cars and buses; haste, flurry and competition everywhere, while I would lead my steady-going old horse—I've heard that a good half-legged 'un is best for the job—through all the maze and rush of traffic, thankful and glad to leave it all behind.

I wonder there are not more caravans on the road. There is, it seems to me, still a good deal of romance about them. When I see a gypsy with his coloured van, I always think to myself—"Where he comes from nobody knows, or where he goes to, but on he goes." Even about the holiday caravan that moves in our English lanes there is, for me, a dash of the real gypsy, the world wanderer. How does part of that grand little poem go?

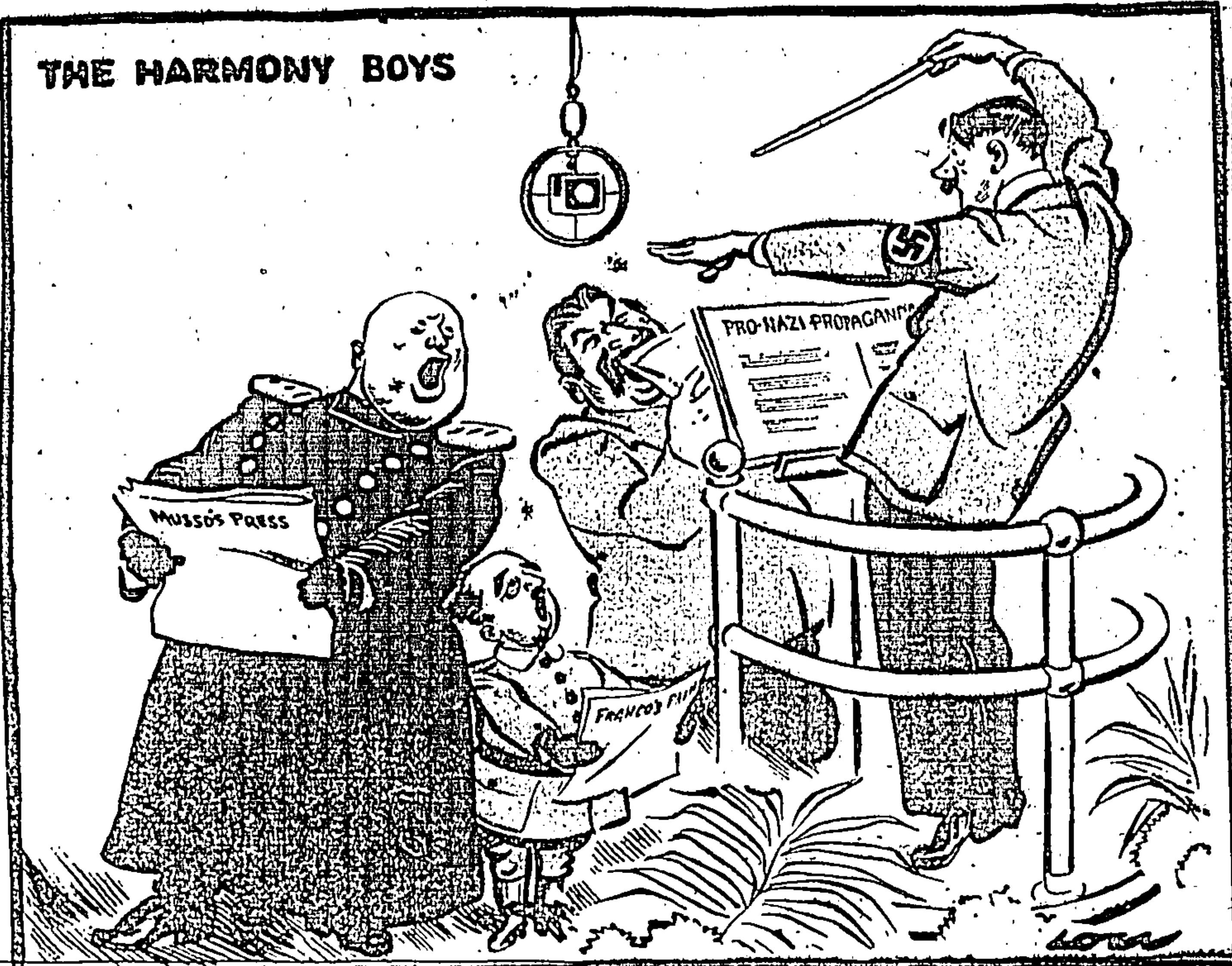
"Last week in Babylon,
Last night in Rome,
Morning, and in the crush
Under Paul's dome."

Under Paul's dial
You tighten your rein—
Only a moment,
And off once again."

A caravan! Surely, there cannot be a better way of seeing the country. When the world is at peace, a cruise would probably be interesting, or a tour of the European capitals—so many people crave to join one of the many

conquer outworn Nazi concepts of rule by force. Daily these ideas are gaining a stronger hold on men who will fight for them. For Britons at least, Nazi victories do not make despotism more palatable; they only awaken a new appreciation of democracy, a deeper determination to defend it.

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conducted parties; they want to see the world, or a good part of it. But give me a caravan and all that goes with it, and freedom to roam where I will. I would be my own master; time-tables, clocks, watches—I'd have none of them; the sun would be my guide. There is, I think, something restful about the pace of an old horse. All my actions would be governed by that pace; I would escape the mad rush, the ever-increasing speed of life that seems to lead nowhere at all, unless it is to more and still more speed. By going across the country, sixty times as fast as another man, one does not see sixty times as much. The slow-

moving man probably sees a thousand times as much as the fast-moving man. I hope one day to be able to experience the joy of living and eating in the open air, not as a novice, but as an old hand, one who has grown accus-

tomed to such a life and who knows all the tricks of the brotherhood.

I remember one morning, not long ago, I walked down an old lane, one never used by ordinary traffic—just a wide green track flanked by tall straggly hedges that have grown high and here and there, become interlocked overhead, and so made the way a "tunnel of green gloom." The only people I have ever met in this lane are a family of gypsies. I came on the camp, and what a breakfast they were cooking! Hanging from a tripod was a great frying-pan, a wood fire crackled beneath it, and in the pan a young gypsy girl had what looked like good home-cured bacon. I had some talk with this girl and, after a time, the old man came and played his fiddle while the little children danced.

One of the gypsy boys, a lad of eighteen or so, had an old gramophone and he said he was sure I would like to hear some good music. Where he found the records is more than I can tell, for they were cracked and worn; but they were good old-fashioned songs I had never heard before. He was proud of his "music box," as he called it. He told me a good deal about his way of living. I mentioned what I thought were some of the advantages of living in a house and being in regular employment, and I asked him if he ever felt any desire to leave the road for some sort of town or village life. He smiled and shook his head quickly.

"No," he said, without any hesitation, "I'll never change. I'll stick to the way I live now."

Does he still live in a caravan? I am sure he does.

SIMON EVANS

Italians Don't Like War

Italy's declaration of war is an event which, like many others of recent weeks, has been abundantly foreseen. Many efforts were made to prevent it, including efforts by numerous Italians. That this event has taken place at all is due to the will of one man, Mussolini. Not long ago I was in Italy, a country I have known and loved for twenty years, where I have many friends, where some aspects of life appeal immeasurably to anybody who values the culture of Western Europe and the United States. Italy, France, and England are, in fact, the three countries which have created our culture. I don't think anybody would wish to rule out the contributions of the Germans nor of the Slavs to the general civilisation.

And yet it is true that the peculiar character of the western mind has been influenced very little by them. There was only one German in all history who talked our language and his name was Goethe. If he were living to-day he would be either in a concentration camp or eking out a precarious exile.

Mussolini has decided that the Italian nation which belongs by nature to our world shall fight against democracy. I'd like to testify that in my recent three weeks in Italy I met nobody at all who shared his view. I know lots of people in Italy and plenty of Fascists among them. No matter how firmly they had supported Mussolini's course in interior affairs they did not like this German alliance and the war to which it was inevitably leading. I believe that there will be desertion, treachery and sabotage in the Italian army, navy and air force beyond anything hitherto known to the experience of men in war. I am quite positive that the ordinary people of the country will do everything they can, contrive to help their alleged enemies to win. I have been told over and over again by

Italians in recent weeks that they would desert at the earliest opportunity and bear arms if possible against their own country in the hope that this enterprise of Mussolini's would be defeated.

I heard the same story from Fascist officials, from people in Italian ministries, from people who presumably are the instruments of this policy. But the main source of my impression is the peasants and fishermen whom I have known for many years, who belong to no political party and care nothing whatever for power politics. They hate war. They are an ancient and profoundly civilised people. They have never been a warlike people in the sense of desiring conquest. The theory that they are the heirs of ancient Rome

By Vincent Sheean

with all its appetite for glory is one of the most foolish delusions of the Fascist delirium. They have never been warlike.

The most important and significant fact about Mussolini is that he no longer knows his own people. He did have at one time an almost uncanny sense of what they felt and wanted, but for eighteen years he has occupied the semi-godlike position in which he cannot talk in ordinary terms to ordinary people, and knows nothing whatever about them. As an American, a foreigner, can get into the kind of talk with his people which he, the Duce, has no chance of finding ever again.

The Fascist organisation can carry its present desperate enterprise for a short time; I think a very short time. If it is possible for the Italian armed forces to carry out their programme in Southern France, Gibraltar, Tunisia, and the eastern Mediterranean within six weeks or two months, they may possibly sur-

vive. If they have to fight for a longer period, they are in my opinion lost.

Italy is at the present moment the most demoralised and anarchical country in Europe. I met nobody whatsoever of whatever rank in society who believed that this desperate plane of attack would succeed. What is more, I met nobody who believed that Italy would be better off if it did succeed. I am talking of all kinds of people, from fishermen to men of very high rank. Mussolini's will alone has pulled this trick and it was the last despairing throw of a ruined gambler. He was ruined whether he came in or stayed out and he is playing everything he has on the chance of German victory in which he firmly believes. The great fact that German victory would be the end of Italian independence has been clear to all of his helpless subjects for a long time. It is apparently still not clear to him.

Out of The Past

A strong and healthy constitution is the first thing to look for; and it is better to count on the vigour which comes of good government than on the resources a great territory furnishes.

It may be added that there have been known States so constituted that the necessity of making conquests entered into their very constitution, and that, in order to maintain themselves, they were forced to expand ceaselessly. It may be that they congratulated themselves greatly on this fortunate necessity, which none the less indicated to them, along with the limits of their greatness, the inevitable moment of their fall. — Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), in "The Social Contract."

Petain Ridden By A Fixed Idea: One Obsession

LOOKING BACK OVER the tragedy of the French surrender one confesses that it was with misgiving that those who knew Marshal Petain's record in the last war first heard of his introduction to M. Reynaud's Cabinet.

When he succeeded M. Reynaud in supreme control there was little hope that the cause of the Allies would be the first thought of the Bordeaux Government.

Petain was in many ways a first-class and determined soldier, but in the last war he gave proof that he lacked breadth of outlook. The protection of Paris was an obsession with him, and on two occasions at least it needed Foch's intervention to prevent this obsession leading to a course of action which would have had serious if not disastrous results on the general situation.

In March, 1918, he would have sacrificed the integrity of the Franco-British front in order to make more certain of covering Paris. Again, in July of that year, when the Germans launched east and west of Rheims what was to prove their last great offensive, he tried to draw on Foch's counter-offensive reserve in order to strengthen the defence against what he considered was a thrust towards Paris. Foch had actually to countermand orders Petain had issued.

OLD PREJUDICES

One can realise that, with the fall of Paris, Petain in his old age felt that there was nothing left to fight for. He had in 1917 and 1918 worked amicably with Haig, but perhaps always with the object of securing maximum relief for the French army. He probably shared the view held at the time by many French soldiers that Britain had not taken her full burden of the war. Evidently that feeling was revived in him by the desperate losses inflicted on the French army during its wonderfully gallant struggle of the last weeks. Old prejudices and old obsessions are apt to reappear in time of strain.

If Paris has been to Frenchmen the vital thing they fight for, we, equally, have had our judgment to some extent clouded by our desire to prevent the Channel ports falling into enemy hands. It was that desire no doubt which led us to give active assistance to Belgium under conditions which entailed risks. Possibly it was one of the reasons why there was delay in withdrawing from Belgium when the risks grew into positive danger. We do not know the whole story, but Mr. Churchill has stated that there was delay.

FAINT-HEARTED

When Paris fell it was not the French army which gave up the struggle, and the braver spirits in the French Government realised that though France might be overrun the Allied cause was not lost. But the obsession was too powerful for the faint-hearted. We have seen the Channel ports falling into the hands of the enemy one after another, but our old belief in their importance must not shake our resolution. We are in a position to stand the shock. Our country has not been overrun and our fighting forces are not only intact but growing in strength. But I would utter two words of warning: there must be no Petains and no faint-hearted politicians. And on no account should the words "The French have let us down" be uttered.

CHILDREN REACH N.Y.

A British liner arrived in New York yesterday with 272 children and their parents on board.

Hundreds more children are reported to be in another liner which docked in a Canadian port early yesterday morning.

A third liner carrying still more children from Great Britain was expected in New York later in the day.

The four liners had on board a total of 1,500 children.—Reuter.

'NEW ORDER IN EUROPE' COLDLY EXAMINED

Herr Funk's exposition of the Nazis' schemes for a new economic order in Europe has not had a very favourable press in those countries where comment is still free, according to summaries reaching London.

The Swiss newspaper "Democrate" says: "Many economists consider that driving Britain from Europe and the construction of a separate European bloc would precipitate the haemorrhage of a dying continent"—which represents in the view of London experts a very shrewd appraisal of the facts.

A Norwegian journal says: "Swedish and Danish papers write regarding this that their countries' culture is inseparably bound up with the old Democratic tradition and the same can be said of Norway."

"We Norwegians have been accustomed for generations to think and talk freely and ourselves to choose who shall administer our affairs."

"If we lose these democratic rights we lose our culture's kernel. Perhaps we have not paid heed to the value of the free word and free criticism as we ought."

"We regarded them as a matter of course. But if we were one day to lose them, a storm of indignation would burst forth."—British Wireless.

ADEN BOMBED

Italian planes came over Aden yesterday and dropped bombs. Four natives were killed and 15 injured; there was no material damage.—Reuter.

CHANGE IN ODDS ON WAR BETTING

AN EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK "TIMES" YESTERDAY SAYS THAT IN THE INTERVAL SINCE THE COLLAPSE OF FRANCE, WHEN IT SEEMED THE ENGLISH COULDN'T HOLD OUT ALONE, THERE HAS BEEN A SHARP CHANGE IN THE GENERAL ESTIMATE OF BRITISH STAYING POWER.

Now the gloomiest military experts are veering towards the opinion that the Battle of Britain may not be a blitzkrieg at all but a prolonged and costly siege in which anything may happen.

The sudden right-about-face of the U.S. Government in deciding to exercise control over exports of oil and scrap iron to Japan and Spain, was actuated in part by the judgment that a long war is now possible and in a long war the blockade against Germany will be effective.

Secretary Hull's efforts to create an all-American front at Havana were helped to success by the shift in the betting odds on British resistance.—Reuter.

BRAZILIAN GIFT TO RED CROSS

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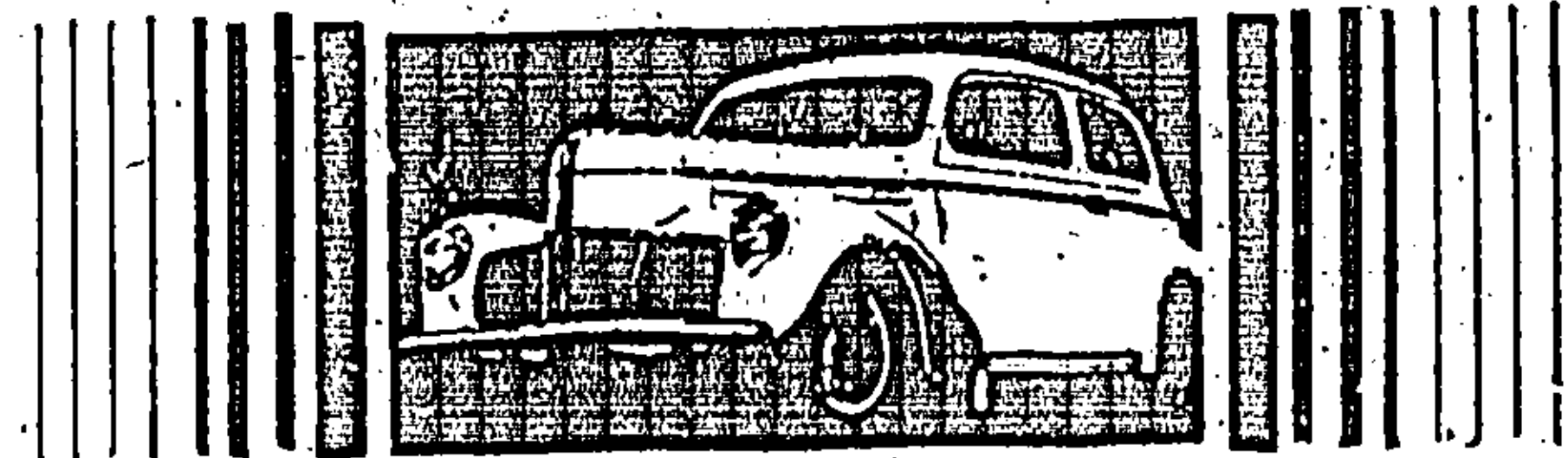
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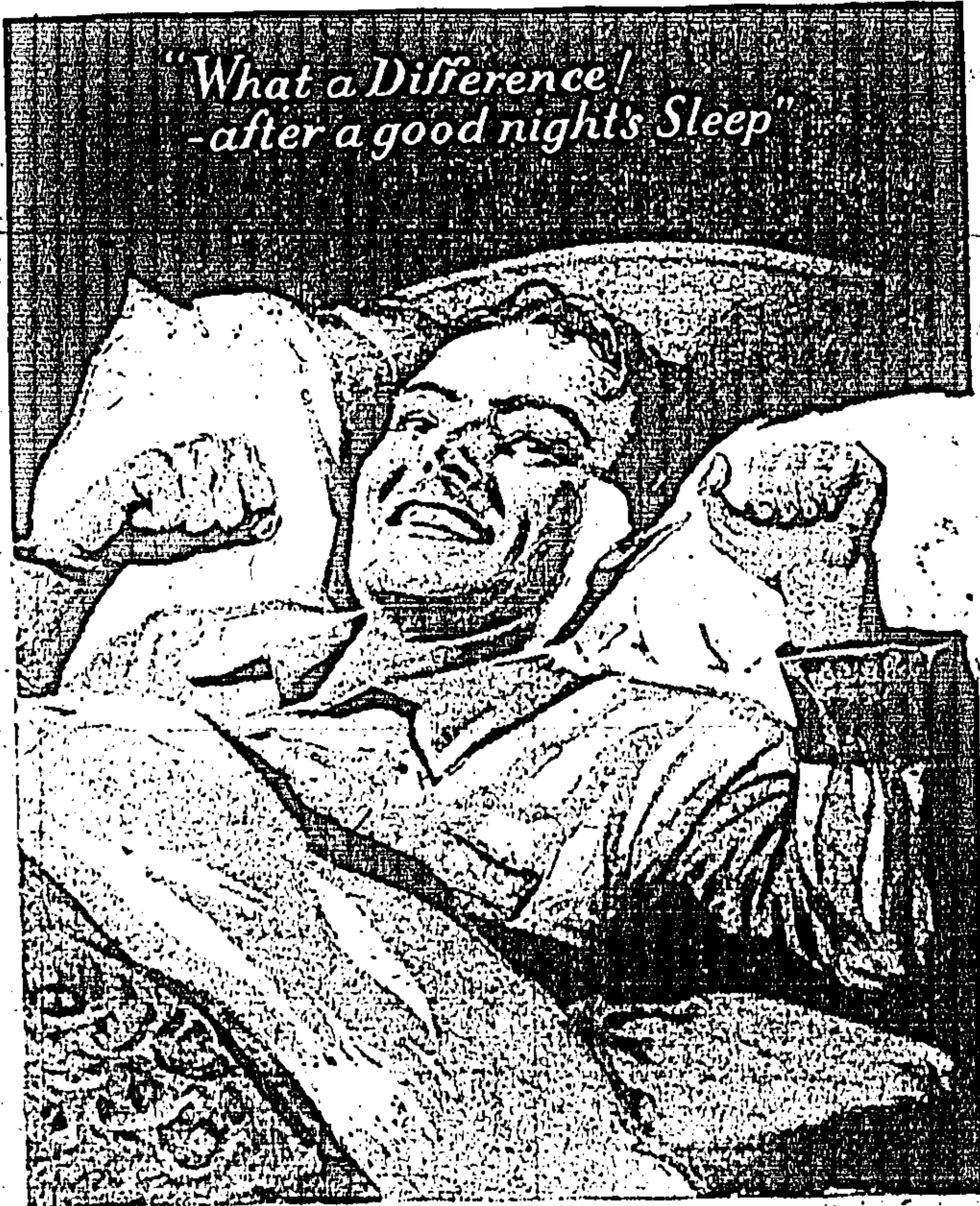
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS.

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 29th July, 1940.

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By Order of The Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,

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♠ 8 7 4
♥ J 10 9
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 7 6 2

♠ A K J 9
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ 2
♣ Q J 8 5

W N E S
Q 10 5 2
A 5 2
A K 7 4
4 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1♣ Dbl. Pass Pass

West opened his singleton trump, and East's eight-spot forced out South's King. Declarer led a low club towards dummy's

King, hoping either to win the trick or pave the way for a club ruff. East frustrated both plans, however, by winning with the club Ace and returning the trump Queen.

South won with the Ace of trumps and led his remaining club; but East won and drew two trumps. It was then impossible for South to make anything but the heart Ace in addition to the two high trumps already garnered. He thus suffered a 700-point penalty—more than the value of the game East and West might otherwise have bid.

But note that South could have escaped with a much smaller penalty if he had been permitted to make a small trump or two. It took persistent trump leads to get the most out of the defence—and it's a good idea to note that such tactics are usually called for when a Takeout Double is passed for penalties.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner. Both sides were vulnerable, and you had 40 on score. You held:

♠ A 10 9
♥ Q 8
♦ K 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 6 2

The bidding:

Jacoby Moler. You Schenken
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass Pass 2♠
Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Double. If your partner can "stand for" the double, you should massacre the opponents. If he can't let the double stay in, your side should be able to make some contract.

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To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides are vulnerable, and you hold:

♠ J 10 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A Q J 9 8
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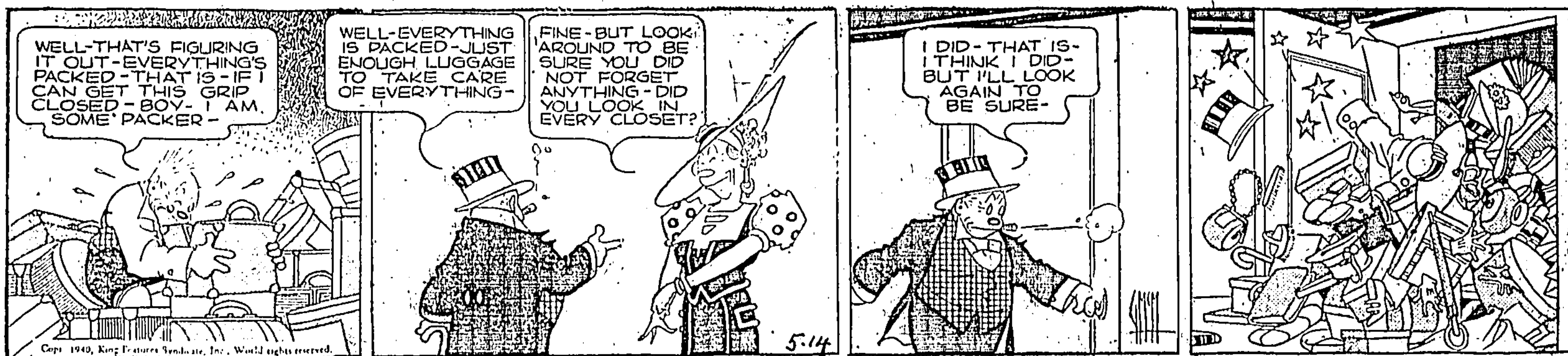
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

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Night treatment consists simply of an all-over cream cleansing, followed by a soap and water shampoo and thorough warm water rinsing. Final cold splashings help to firm the face muscles.

These two products are delightfully efficient, but the same routine may be carried out with any reliable cleansing cream and a pure, bland soap. If you adhere religiously to such a daily, double-action cleansing, your skin will soon take on the beauty of spring.

YOUR MASQUE

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Learn to relax by the same stages. Murmur when you lie down, "I want to rest." Stay there, whether you sleep or not. The next time you lie down to rest you will be more willing to close your eyes. If you do this daily the day will come when you will fall asleep as soon as you lie down. Then you have taken your first successful step towards relaxation. Sleep as often and as long as you can. When your body has learned to relax, get busy with your mind. Don't let it borrow trouble. Discipline it. When you catch yourself frowning and drawing away from the present into a dark world of worry — abruptly bring your thoughts back and do something on which you must concentrate.

Serenity Through Relaxation

No tensed personality is beautiful. It is not soothing, warm, engaging, sympathetic or attractive. If yours is tensed, make every effort to learn how to relax — for there is true beauty in relaxation.

Worry (sometimes unwarranted) makes one tense, and tenseness causes fatigue and unlovely fatigue lines. A serene mind is a relaxed mind, and a serene beauty is an unlined beauty. So it pays to strive for serenity.

Much that we fret over and fear will happen, never happens. Then we look back and wonder why we worried so. Better to banish fear and face issues squarely, and preserve our energies, than to allow fear to sap our strength and make us old before our time.

GET ENOUGH REST

You can teach yourself how to relax just as you teach yourself to sew, or read, or swim. You

"will" yourself to lie down and rest. Rest, you reason, is just as important to my welfare and to those I love, as food. I can do just so much, you also reason, and then I must give my body time to make new strength. It is not physically possible for me to do any more until my body is rested.

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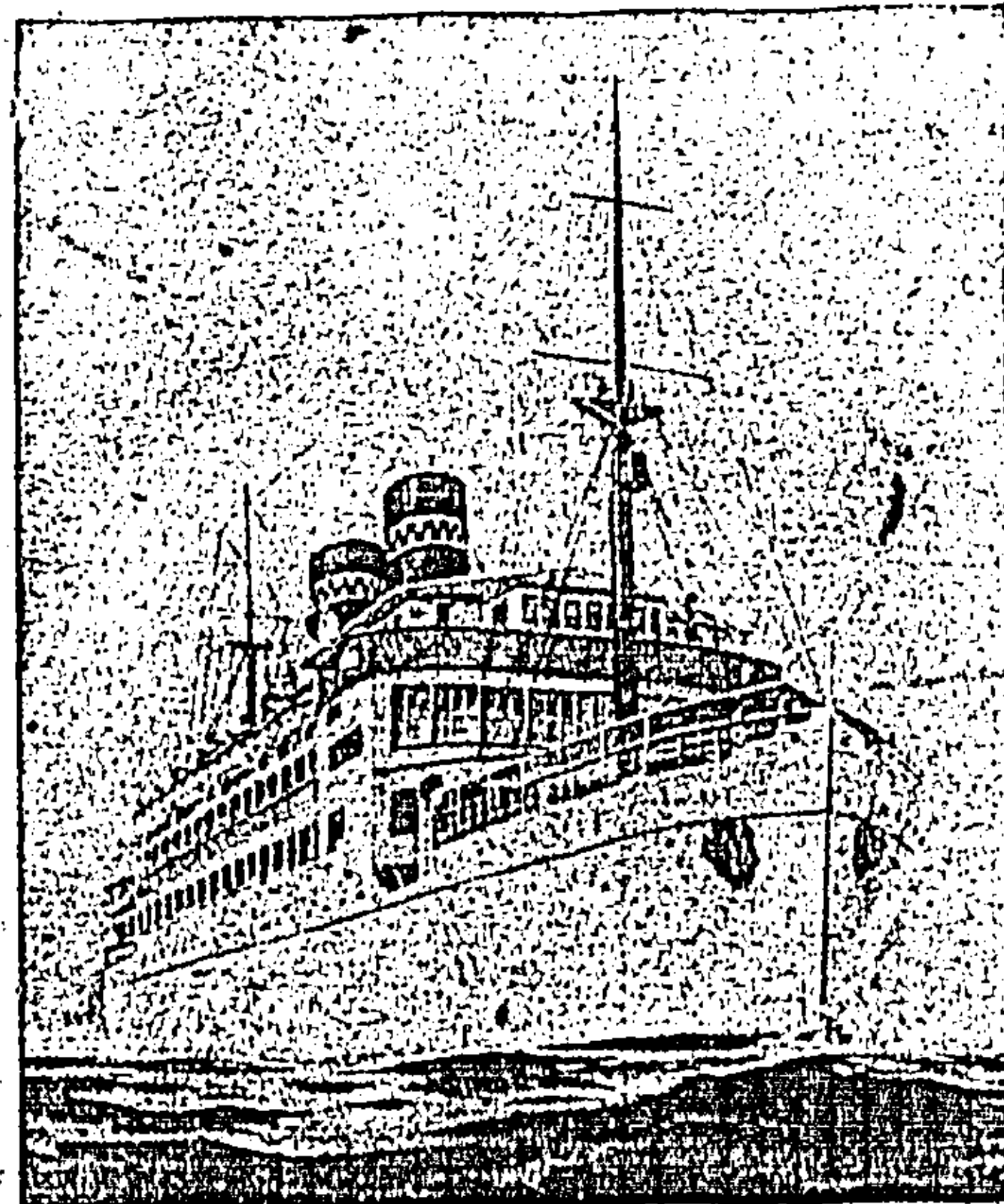
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Perelra and Remedios v J. Peckham and W. McNeil (at K.C.C.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

E. Levett and R. Duncan v W. Simmonds and F. Goodwin.

A. Ruzack and C. S. Rosset v T. Madar and A. Bone (at Club de Recreio).

J. Walker and J. Deakin v C. F. Needham and A. Brooksbank (at K.F.C.).

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R. Basa and J. Landolt v L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz.
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

J. McCutcheon and C. Gowlan v A. W. Grimmit and F. J. Jones (at K.D.R.C.).

A. F. Paul and J. Sloan and R. P. Phillips and J. E. Henson (at T.D.R.C.).

SHANGHAI
BUSINESS
SETBACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A gradual set-back is affecting Shanghai business, a survey in the "China Press" this morning indicates.

The increased cost of living and inadequate advance in wages are telling now after rather a long period when, despite the hostilities and the subsequent economic difficulties, Shanghai enjoyed a business boom as demonstrated by department store sales.

Such concerns as Wing On and the Sun Company had been doing a thriving business, with heavy sales of high-priced products.

Now the sales trend has gone to cheaper substitutes.

Despite the arrival in Shanghai of many Hong Kong people, hotels and restaurants are also feeling the pinch and report the lowest trade in months.—Havas.

Blockade's Effects

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Japanese ban on shipping on the Chekiang coast has profoundly modified conditions in the Shanghai market and harbour, as certain native commodities, the supply of which formerly came from Wenchow and Ningpo, are becoming unavailable.

On the other hand, resourceful Shanghai merchants have developed new trading channels; small flat-bottomed river craft coming to the Yangtze Delta are calling at up-river villages where certain cargoes, notably cotton and bristles, are available.

Small shipping companies are doing a thriving business as the freight rate to Shanghai reaches \$35 per bale of cotton.—Havas.

CHINA'S
IMPORT OF
CEREALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHINESE IMPORTS OF FLOUR AND CEREALS, ESPECIALLY IN NORTH CHINA AND SHANGHAI, WERE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1940, RANKING AS TOP GROUP OF COMMODITIES IN CHINESE IMPORTS AND SURPASSING IN VALUE EVEN IMPORTS OF RAW COTTON.

Chinese imports of cereals and flour from January to June aggregated 68 million gold units, forming almost 20 per cent. of the country's total imports, while during the same period raw cotton imports were valued at only 53 million gold units.

Cereals and flour imports increased by 17 million gold units. The increase was largely due to imports of rice from Indo-China. Total rice imports in the same period totalled 337,000 tons valued at 36 million gold units, against only 220,000 tons valued at 15 1/2 million gold in the first six months of 1939.

Bulk of these rice imports came from Indo-China, that is 187,000 tons, while Thailand occupied second place with 91,000 tons. Imports of wheat and flour dropped sharply in quantity but increased in value.—Havas.

LORRIES COLLIDE

A military motor-truck, driven by Gunner Swalla, of the Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery, was involved in a collision with motor-lorry No. 2550 in Nga Tsin Wei Road yesterday afternoon. Both vehicles were slightly damaged.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. London Silver quoted at 229/16 for Spot and 22 1/2 for forward. The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.—0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.85 1/2.

"Y" WATER-POLO TEAM

Following have been selected to represent European Y.M.C.A. in a water-polo match against Chung Shing at 8 p.m. on Friday in the "Y" Pool:—H. Eardley or J. Semmelmann; E. W. Ralton and L. A. Berni; G. T. May; R. Goldman, G. H. Fowler and L. H. Chatter.

HAVANA
DECISION

FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONCERTED ACTION IN THE EVENT OF A THREATENED CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF NON-AMERICAN COLONIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IN HAVANA YESTERDAY.

The commission will be composed of representatives of Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador, Panama, the United States, Santo Domingo and Paraguay.

The commission will act until the convention which establishes the permanent body is approved by two-thirds of the American nations.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S TOUR
OF DEFENCES

On Sunday, Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, visited a South-East Coast town and saw anti-aircraft batteries at action stations. He also watched Spitfire and Hurricane squadrons patrolling the Channel. Later, he inspected coastal defences.—Reuter.

ON LONDON STOCK
MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was irregular yesterday though gains outnumbered losses. Gilt-edged and leading industrials finally were stronger. Elsewhere occasional declines on sporadic profit-taking were experienced. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.



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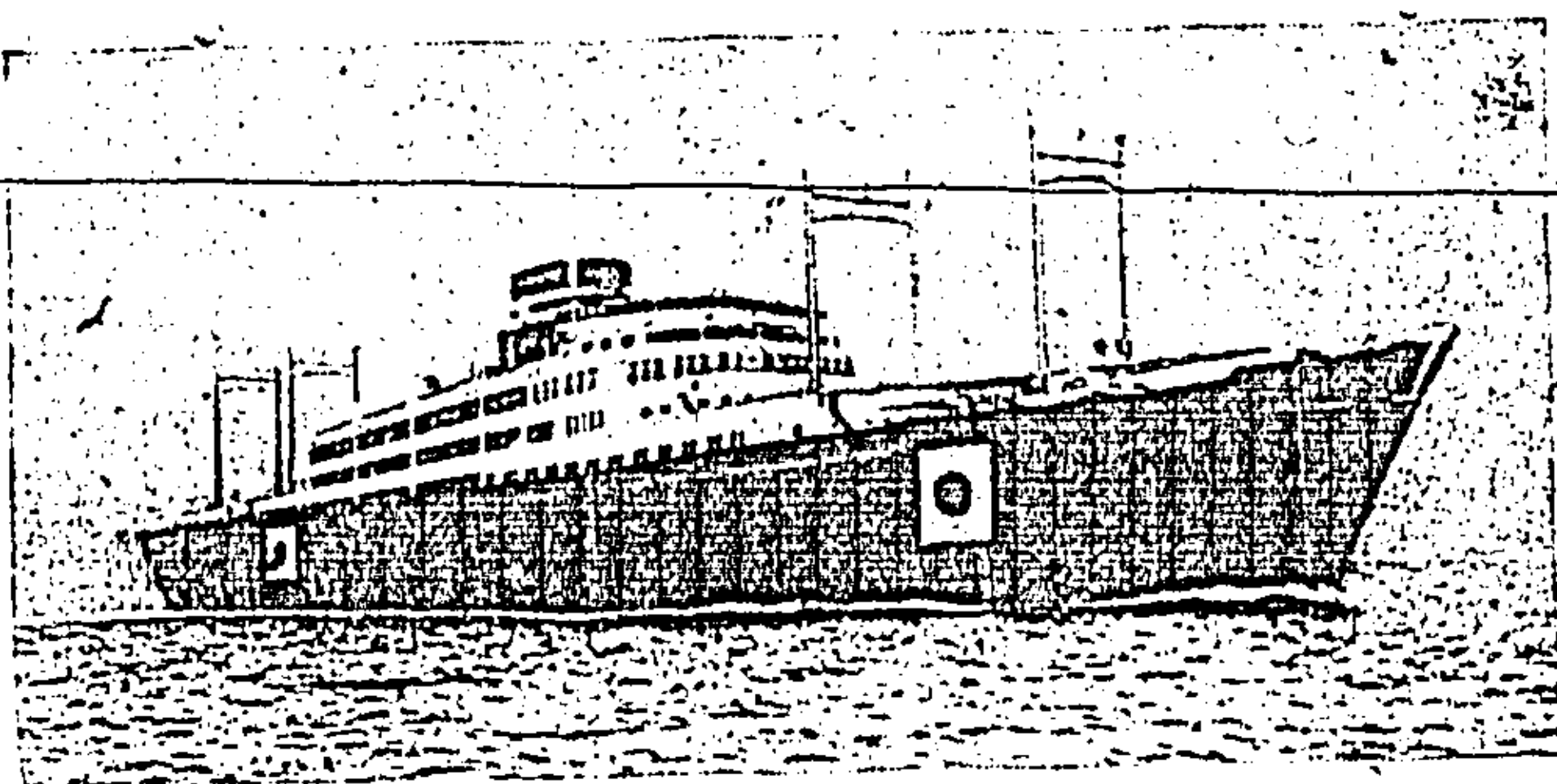
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Lai Tsun-V.R.C. Carnival On Sat. To Decide Year's Aquatic Supremacy

Ladies' Events In Programme: Lai Tsun May Win

By "Natator"

THE MAIN ATTRACTION for the week-end will be the long-awaited V.R.C.-Lai Tsun Tournament, which will take place at V.R.C. at 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, when the two teams will complete for this year's aquatic supremacy.

This promises to be one of the season's outstanding competitions. The popularity of this tournament can be gauged from the fact that besides the hundreds who turned up last week expecting to see the gala, there was an equal number of telephone enquiries regarding the swim.

The programme of agreed events, which is made up of short distances ranging from 50 to 220 yards, should be an excellent one featuring close finishes. Apart from the honour of winning the encounter there is a still keener rivalry for the title of the Medley relay.

Lai Tsun, who have so far been undefeated this year in this event will be defending their title against a V.R.C. trio, who are determined to make a bid for the title.

This should prove the most keenly contested event of the evening.

Although it is the general opinion that V.R.C. will win this contest, presumably based on the fact that they are most adapted to sprint events and also have just the slightest advantage of a home pool, the tournament will not end in a runaway victory and the winner may not be known until the last stroke.

Lai Tsun is a veteran squad and is quite capable of upsetting the apple-cart, and it is my personal prediction that the margin of victory will not be more than five points, which means that an upset

of three points will be sufficient for the title to change hands.

Lai Tsun Well Balanced

With the exception of the breast-stroke and possibly the Medley relay V.R.C. should take all the first places for the men's events. At first sight this statement seems to suggest that V.R.C. will win the contest easily, but this is far from being the case. The Lai Tsun is quite a well-balanced team, and even if they concede the first places they can easily off-set these losses by taking the second and third places to make up for their deficiency, as the points are on a three-two-one basis.

Then there is the possibility of a surprise in the back stroke event which will give them a fair number of points.

It is note-worthy that there is an absence of breast-stroke events for the ladies, although it is generally considered that it is essentially a ladies' stroke. This of course is a fallacy.

Taylor, who achieved prominence last year when he won the Colony Championship for the 50 yards free-style, and incidentally breaking the record in 24-4/5 secs, will on medical advice, be unable to appear for his club.

A substitute in his stead for the 50 yards free-style has not yet been decided upon, although Luis Remedios will probably be selected in a try-out against A. J. Hussain, Jerry Gosano, A. V. Olorio and A. H. Azedo.

Even assuming that D. Hutchinson will win this event, the absence of Taylor will jeopardise V.R.C.'s chances of obtaining maximum points, as the depleted team should at best garner only the first and third places.

In the 220 yards free-style event, Wilfred Lawrence is in a class by himself, although Chan Chun-mam, on whom the Chinese pin their faith, will probably keep pace with Lawrence up to the 200 yards turn.

Lawrence's spurt should again see him through as on previous occasions. Charles Huang, a newcomer to V.R.C. who has clocked 26 for a first trial at V.R.C. is still an unknown quantity in a 220 race, but I do not think he is capable of beating Lau Tai-ping for third place.

Fong Chung Yue For Breast Stroke Event

With the barring of the "Butterfly-stroke," Luis Remedios, who is an exponent of this stroke, should find it impossible to better Fong Chung-yue. E. M. Marques, one time Colony champion was originally down for the breast-stroke event, but has backed out in favour of Jose Marques, a much younger swimmer who has plenty of speed.

All eyes will be on the back-stroke event, when W. Lawrence, A. K. Rumjahn, Poon Wing-kai and Lau Yiu-ting will battle it out.

On past performances Lawrence and Rumjahn should finish in one-two order, but with the up-to-date training records of Poon and Lau still in the dark, it is difficult to forecast the result. The 200 yards free-style relay is a foregone conclusion, with the V.R.C. quartet of Hutchinson, Silva-Netto, Huang and Lawrence averaging 26 against the Lai Tsun's average of about 27 secs.

Should V.R.C. decide to field the Misses Weir, Anderson, Lopes and Churn, they should be able to beat the Lai Tsun squad in the Ladies' free-style relay, although according to the latest information, this event is still in the air.

In the 50 yards free-style event, the points should be evenly shared with Miss V. Churn just taking first place. Lai Tsun's coach has great confidence in Miss Ko Miu-lin, and it is reputed that she has done under 32 secs for the distance in a fresh water pool.

Ladies' Relay Event

Through the courtesy of South China and the Chinese Bathing Club, the services of Misses Lee Po-luen and Sa Wai-ying have been obtained to complete a Chinese all-star medley relay team.

This last minute event should prove to be the most popular of the ladies events. Miss Grant is down to start the backstroke for V.R.C. against Miss Sa Wai-ying, present Colony Champion, while Miss Doreen Weir will compete against Miss Lee Po-luen in the breast-stroke. Both V.R.C. representatives are not expected to obtain any lead in these two styles, in which case Miss V. Churn, swimming free-style, will find it hard to finish first for the team.

In between events, a Diving Exhibition will be given by Lionel Roza-Pereira, present Colony champion. Being the colourful artist that he is, he can always be relied upon to give a good performance.

Triangular Tournament To-Morrow

The first of a series of Triangular Tournaments between the South China Athletic Association,

EASTERN RETURN

The Eastern touring football team, returned to the Colony this morning after a very successful tour, which included Manila, Malaya and Burma in the itinerary. It was also expected that Java would be visited but this fell through.

Eastern were instrumental in raising a considerable sum of money for charity.

Chinese Bathing Club and the Chinese "Y" will take place tomorrow evening at South China at 7.30 p.m.

Although there is no doubt that the Chinese "Y" will annex all the first places in the events for men, good swimming will be witnessed. In view of the more important engagement with V.R.C. on Saturday, and of the weak opposition in this gala, Lai Tsun Union may not utilise their swimmers to represent the "Y". Even without Lai Tsun, the Ching Wing Union should easily account for most of the points as they have in their line-up such swimmers as Chan Wing-kai, Lo Yuk-wing and Yeung Yiu-kwan.

Should Lai Tsun decide to field their swimmers, Lau Yiu-ting and Poon Wing-kai should take the 100 metres' backstroke easily, with perhaps a little opposition from Yeung Tat-fun of the C.B.C. For South China, Donald Yeung Cheung-wa will at best take fourth place. For the 50 metre dash, Chan Wing-kai and Lo Yuk-wing should beat Robert Chan of the C.B.C.

In the distance event of 1500 metres, South China is finding some difficulty in producing an entrant, and as it stands at present, it seems unlikely that they can find one to last the distance. Ho Pun-kun, who is actually a sprint breast-stroke swimmer has been approached to undertake the event although he has never attempted the distance.

The Ladies' 200 metres breast-stroke will be a clean sweep for South China, as I cannot imagine anyone beating Misses Lee Po-luen and Au Mei-chuen, although some quarters favour Miss Chan Yuk-king of the "Y" to be better than either of them.

The water polo game between the home team and a contingent from C.B.C. should end in a narrow win for the former. The C.B.C. once a very formidable team, has not shown good results lately, in spite of the fact that they have been holding practices whenever tide conditions have allowed.

Evidently what they need is a spark-plug to liven up the team. The line-up for the two teams will be:

SOUTH CHINA: Ng Wal-chol, Lee Ke-yeung, Ho Yuk-kwan, H. Wing-lee, Lionel Lowe, Henry Sa and Kwok Kai-chiu.

C.B.C.: Po King-took, Wong Cheuk-nin, Enrique Chan, Yeung Tat-fun, Chu Fook-to, Robert Chan and Wong Kam-nok.

In a water polo game last week, European "Y" team trimmed an Eastern team to the tune of six clear goals. Owing to a misunderstanding in arrangements, Eastern team were unable to field their regular seven, and made replacements from the junior squad, with the consequent result that the game was marred by the too frequent but necessary use of the whistle, mainly due to infringements of rules as a result of ignorance.

Inexcusable Fouls

Jumping from the bottom of the bath is excusable for a team playing in a bath with a shallow end, for the first time, but the various other fouls, which were often repeated after warnings, such as swimming over an opponent without the ball and swimming before the whistle, are inexcusable.

able, and more especially in the case of the experienced players. Lee Fook-ke was sent out of the bath for intentional ducking in the four yard area, and again for swimming before the whistle into the two yard area.

On a few occasions the game threatened to develop into a fracas when the players almost lost their tempers, and credit must be given to the referee for his capable handling of such a game, in preventing such an outburst.

It is now learned that European "Y" are making arrangements for a series of mid-week friendly water polo games with the various Chinese clubs in conformity with their programme. It is also intended to play home and away games.

This is particularly welcomed by Chinese clubs as there is at present a shortage of European clubs for them to compete against.

With the recent ban on swimming within the Harbour limits for the military units, these games have been missed, and since goal-

posts have not yet been erected at the Queen's Road Army Pool, home games cannot be played, although a number of Chinese clubs have had invitations from several of the Army Units.

Chung Shing will be the first to play "Y" in the series, and a very even game should be witnessed. Chung Shing will be fielding their usual line up of Tong Shiu-fai, Kong Cheuk-chau, Poon Ping-man, Chung Shui-che, S. P. Chan, Ng Nin, and Ng Chun-man.

At the Eastern's gala on Saturday, the 300 metres free-style relay finished in a thrilling duel between Eastern and Chung Shing teams, with the former just managing to reach the winning post one second ahead of the fast picking Chung Shing team.

International Athletic team finished a close third, and mainly through D. Hutchinson's final effort managed to forge ahead of the Ching Wing swimmer.

Poor Supervision

The race would have been one of the best witnessed for a long time except for the poor supervision of the starting-off swimmers. Some had to wait too long to be tapped, whilst on the other hand, at least four, were tapped long before the previous swimmer finished the lap.

The swimmers should have been told to start off at their own discretion, whilst the judges should be watching the starting off. This would then leave the timing for the start-off in the hands of the swimmers themselves.

The race started evenly, with all the four swimmers hitting the turn together, but Kew (Eastern) managed to finish ahead of Fung Kwai-sang, (Chung Shing), his nearest rival. Chu Fai-lam, who did not do so well in a recent relay, made up for it when he increased the lead. However, this lead was soon picked up by So Tim-mo, of Chung Shing, who finished together with Yeung Man-kit. Meanwhile S. Bux of International was steadily closing the gap, and creeping up on the leaders with Chan King-pong, of the Ching Wing, close on his heels.

With a brilliant burst of speed Lee Fook-ke put the issue beyond doubt when he went into the water almost together with Kong Cheuk-chau (Chung Shing) and beat him by a body's length. A. J. Hussain of International, also swam a good race, finishing together with Kong.

With the last lap coming up, Shek Kam-pui (Eastern) started with a full two body's length lead, but was almost caught by Ng Nin who displayed a magnificent burst of speed.

Sprinter Lo Yuk-wing found he was no match for D. Hutchinson, and finished last.

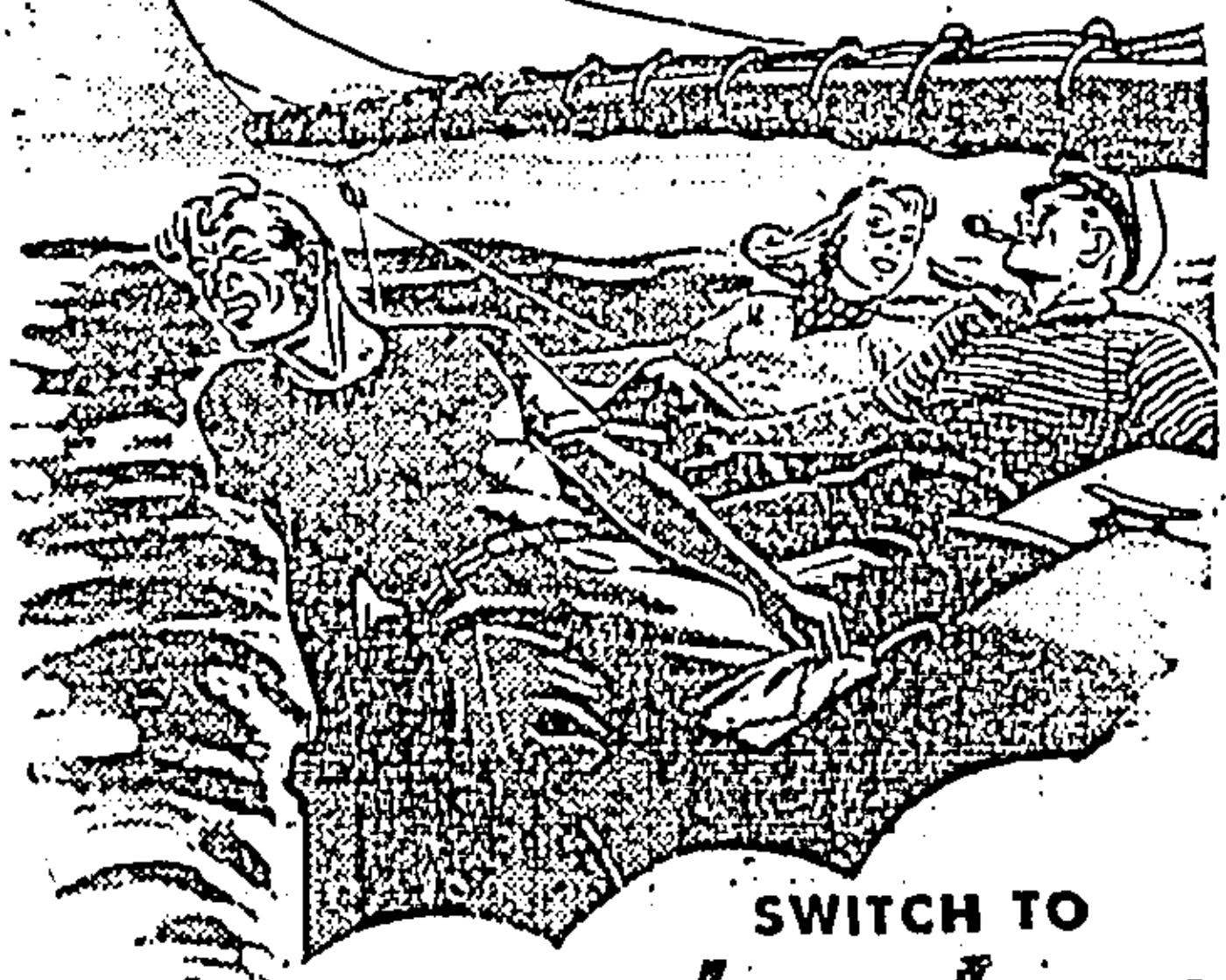
For the remainder of the swimming events, poor results were obtained, with the exception of the 100 metres backstroke when Shek Kam-pui returned a fair time of 75-2/5 secs.

International's Plucky Display At Water Polo

The programme concluded with a water polo game in which the home team beat International Athletic by the odd goal in seven. Kew opened the score for Eastern, after Lee Fook-ke had broken away from Hutchinson and passed to the then unmarked Kew, who had no difficulty in scoring.

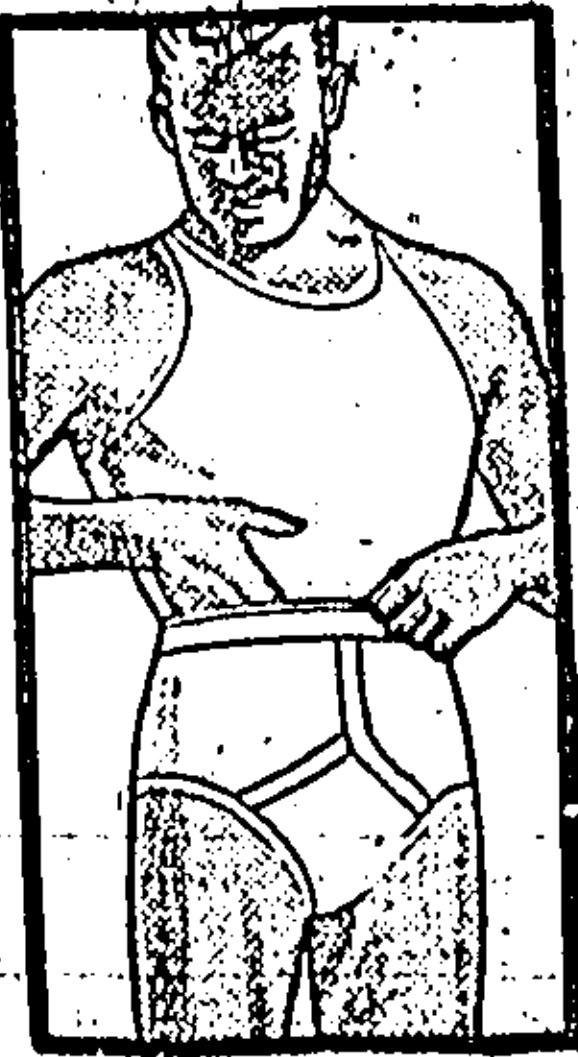
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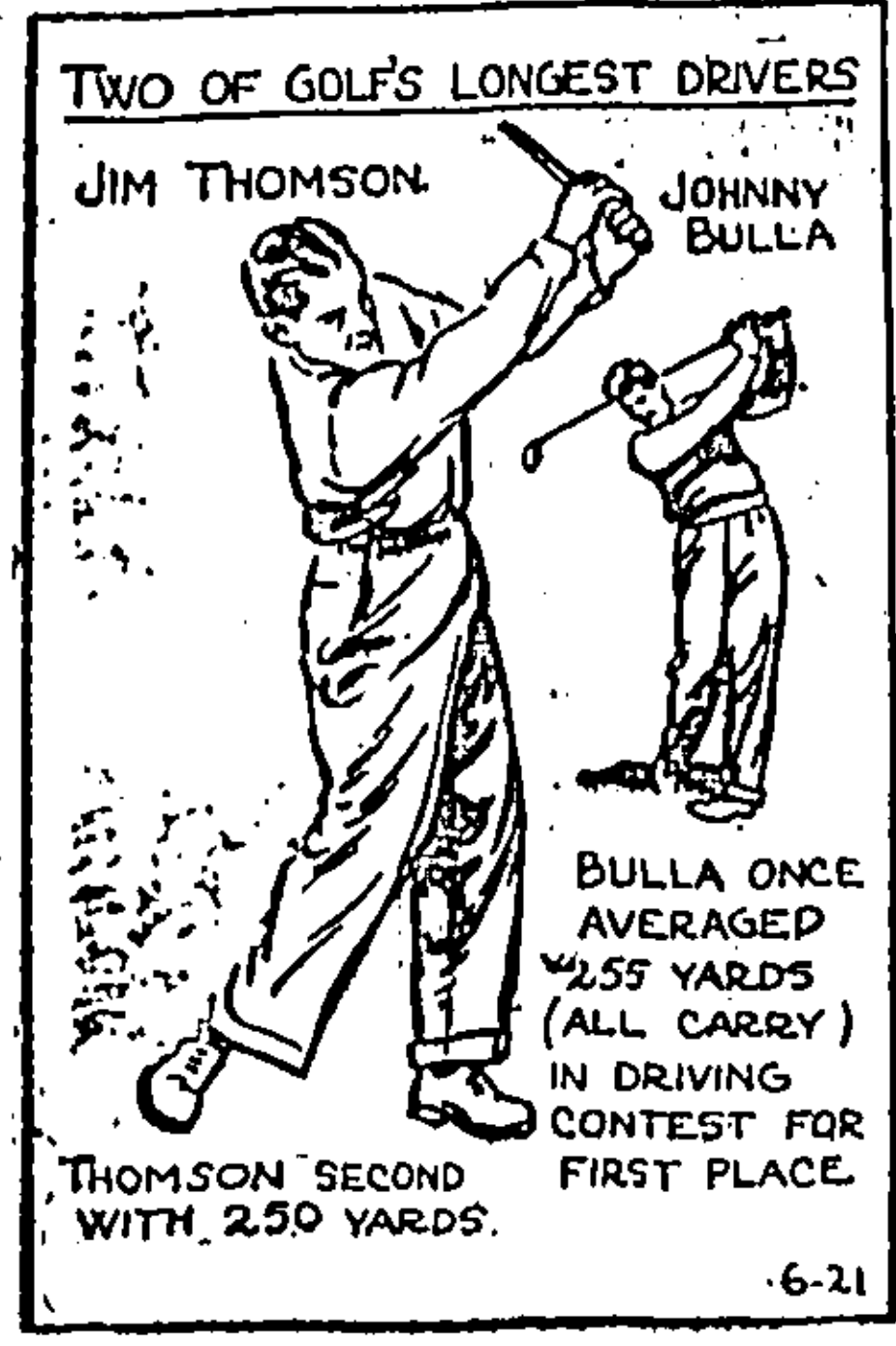
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A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto (C.D.R.)	12	0 1/2 5 1/2
F. Grose and D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	6	1 5
L. A. Newham and H. Lin and T. E. Ling (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1 5
Capt. Loch (A.T.C.)	9	4 5
O. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	2 4
I. and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.)	12	8 4
T. E. Ling and Billy Yu (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	2 1/2 3 1/2
A. Kitchell and W. Howard (C.C.C.)	6	2 1/2 3 1/2
W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.)	3	0 3
F. J. Remedios and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	3	0 3
K. L. Ho and C. C. Wong (C.R.C.)	3	0 3
P. F. Choy and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	0 3
T. C. Lu and D. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
F. K. Lau and S. Cheung (C.R.C.)	3	1/2 2 1/2
Capt. Holmes and Lieut. Tomlinson (A.T.C.)	6	3 1/2 2 1/2
N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	12	9 1/2 2 1/2
G. A. White and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)	12	9 1/2 2 1/2
O. L. Pang and C. C. Luk (C.R.C.)	3	1 2
H. Lin and P. Fletcher (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1 2
H. H. Lin and K. M. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1 2
F. Grose and R. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
A. M. Rodrigues and A. E. Xavier (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
B. T. Gosano and L. A. Carvalho (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
H. F. Goncalves and J. C. Fonseca (C.D.R.)	3	1 2
T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)	3	1 2
F. Grose and S. A. Gray (K.C.C.)	3	1 1/2 1 1/2
A. R. Kitchell and O. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
A. Kitchell and H. Y. Leung (C.C.C.)	3	2 1
H. K. Lee and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.)	3	2 1
A. H. Barwell and J. J. Ferguson (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1
H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	3	2 1
B. T. Gosano and A. E. Xavier (C.D.R.)	3	2 1
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
Marsland Ma and P. F. Choy (C.R.C.)	3	2 1
O. Rumjahn and S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	3	2 1
A. R. Ismail and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	6	5 1
D. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	6	5 1
J. S. Theobald and A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.)	6	5 1
J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner (C.S.C.C.)	6	5 1
M. O. Hoosen and D. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
N. B. Nicholson and N. Spence (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
W. M. Barton and W. H. Jowit (H.K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2 1/2
G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst (H.K.C.C.)	6	5 1/2 1/2
D. Hung and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	3	3 0
G. A. White and N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)	3	3 0
R. S. Capell and E. Eyward (K.C.C.)	3	3 0
W. J. Skinner and C. A. Lucas (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
W. J. Skinner and D. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
J. Wardle and E. Hendrick (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
E. Bathurst and W. H. Jowit (H.K.C.C.)	3	3 0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Whokes (A.T.C.)	3	3 0
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Megson (A.T.C.)	3	3 0
A. M. Rodrigues and B. T. Gosano (C.D.R.)	3	3 0
L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios (C.D.R.)	3	3 0
D. Hollidge and J. Wardle (C.S.C.C.)	6	6 0
C. Lucas and W. Colledge (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	3 0
D. M. A. Razack and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	3	3 0
C. C. Luk and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.)	3	3 0
J. A. Bendall and I. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
W. J. Skinner and B. Agafuroff (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
D. Hollidge and C. Sloan (C.S.C.C.)	3	3 0
M. O. Hoosen and A. R. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	3	3 0

GRAPHIC GOLF



LAI TSUN-V.R.C. CARNIVAL

(Continued from Page 14)

Outswimming D. Leonard, Kew scored again a minute later.

A this stage International were utterly disorganised, with the consequent result that they could not make the best of the opportunities which were presented from time to time. International made some futile efforts to score through Henry Sa's backhand, which was closely watched. Eastern added another goal before half-time, through Kwok Chun-hang with beautiful shot from a difficult angle.

In the second half, International showed some semblance of being re-organised, when L. Remedios undertook goal duties and allowed S. Bux to strengthen the forward line.

On a breakaway by Winglee the ball was switched on to Hussain, who swam with the ball and succeeded in opening the score for International.

Encouraged by this success, Henry Sa scored again soon after. Remedios for International and Shoo Hung-yui for the Eastern both netted once more for the game to end four-three in favour of Eastern.

For the winners Shek Kam-pui was the most hard working, and was to great degree instrumental in assisting in all the goals in the first half. He unfortunately developed a cramp in the later stages of the game. Custodian Woo Cho-kin also played a safe game, stopping many point-blank shots. He was also, in some measure, assisted by luck, as Remedios could have beaten him on at least two occasions with an open goal before him, but instead missed entirely.

Sa's backhand shots also frequently hit the posts.

As usual the team-work of Tommy Kew and Lee Fook-ke left nothing to be desired, and gave the International defenders quite a busy time.

For the losers, it must be conceded that they played a good game, only losing by the small margin of one goal to the strong Eastern team, at the present moment one of the strongest Chinese aggregation in the Colony.

It was obvious from the start that Sa's backhand was well-known, for they gave him practically no chance to use it to the best advantage.

A. J. Hussain worked like a trojan, as he had to carry the burden of Hutchinson's charge as well as his own. It is a most surprising fact, that although D. Hutchinson is one of the fastest sprinters at present in the Colony, his usefulness as a water-polo player is almost nil. Apart from being unable to swim with the ball fast enough, he is prone to hold the ball too long before attempting to shoot, with the result that he was always losing it on Saturday.

He also developed cramp during the game, and took over goal duties from Remedios.

D. Leonard, who has not played water-polo for a number of years, played a good game, and although often out-swum, he stopped the attack on quite a number of occasions.

EASTERN: Woo Cho-kin, Kwok Fung-sun, Lee Fook-ke, Shek Kam-pui, Kwok Chun-hang (1), Tommy Kew (2) and Shoo Hung-yui (1).

INTERNATIONAL: S. Bux, D. Hutchinson, A. J. Hussain (1), H. Winglee, L. Remedios (1), D. Leonard and Henry Sa (1).

D. M. A. Razack and A. Rahmin (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
W. A. Reed and P. J. Remedios (C.D.R.)	3	3	0

Long Driver

BY BEST BALL

While such highly publicised stars as Jimmy Thomson and Sam Snead monopolise the long hitting spotlight, there is another golfer these two must make room for. He needs plenty of room for his drives, his distance off the tee amazed the gallery in the 1939 British Open championship, and in that event at least he had enough on the ball to finish with in a close margin of the winner. In case you haven't guessed his name by this time, here it is: Johnny Bulla.

For years Bulla has been banging that ball over fairways and driving ranges. He has captured numerous driving contests, one prize significantly enough being an airplane, possibly to make retrieving his shots a bit simpler. In a driving test at Orlando, Fla., not long ago, the Chicago marvel won by a margin of five yards over Thomson with an average of 255 yards for three drives against 250. This distance was an all carry performance. Given a baked surface for the ball to travel on, the actual driving distance would be considerably higher than this.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE WIN INTERESTING MATCH

By "SPORTSHAWK"

The large crowd which gathered at Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening, was treated to two really interesting matches in "B" Division of the Chinese Basketball League.

In the first contest, St. Paul's defeated Tsim Lee Club by 57 points to 46, after leading at the end of the first half by 36-27.

The Saints played without change and the players displayed better combination than the losers.

Their forwards, Chan Haw-kuen, Nalo Kim-shuen and Wang Tsu-kwai had an equal share in the scoring.

Chan Haw-hee and Lee Ming the two guards, were also equally impressive as their forwards.

For the losers, Chan Kwai-pui the centre of the attack, was their best player. He netted nine goals.

ST. PAUL'S BOYS'

	Foul No.	Goals	Fouls
Chan Haw-kuen	5	0	0
Nalo Kim-shuen	6	1	1
Wang Tsu-kwai	6	2	1
Chan Haw-hee	5	3	1
Lee Ming	3	1	1
Total Points	57		

TSIM LEE CLUB

	Foul No.	Goals	Fouls
Sik Tsim-kwan	5	0	3
Chan Kwai-pui	9	0	1
Yuan Chak-shee	3	1	1
Chan Kwong-ping	4	1	3
See Mun-ngao	1	0	1
Total Points	46		

After leading by only three

points (26-23) at the interval, Pui Ying College showed their supremacy on the resumption and beat Kong Yuen Club convincingly by 56 points to 40.

The students were best served by Lee Hau-yuan, playing on the left-wing, who scored 10 goals; while his two partners, Luk Chi-ham and Chau Chao-hee supported him well.

Playing at left-guard for the students, Yau Shui-hing, gave an all-round steady display.

Despite his useful tactics in attacking, Chau Hau-han, for the losers, was poorly supported by his partners and, in consequence, missed numerous scoring opportunities. He registered a total of 20 points for his side through nine goals and two foul goals.

Kuen Wing-fook, playing in the defence for the losers, was impressive. Apart from defending well, he also netted five goals.

PUI YING COLLEGE

	Foul No.	Goals	Fouls
Lee Hau-yuan	10	1	2
Luk Chi-ham	6	2	0
Chau Chao-hee	2	2	0
Chan Ping-wai	0	0	0
Yau Shui-hing	6	1	1
Chan Kuan-hau	1	0	2
Total Points	56		

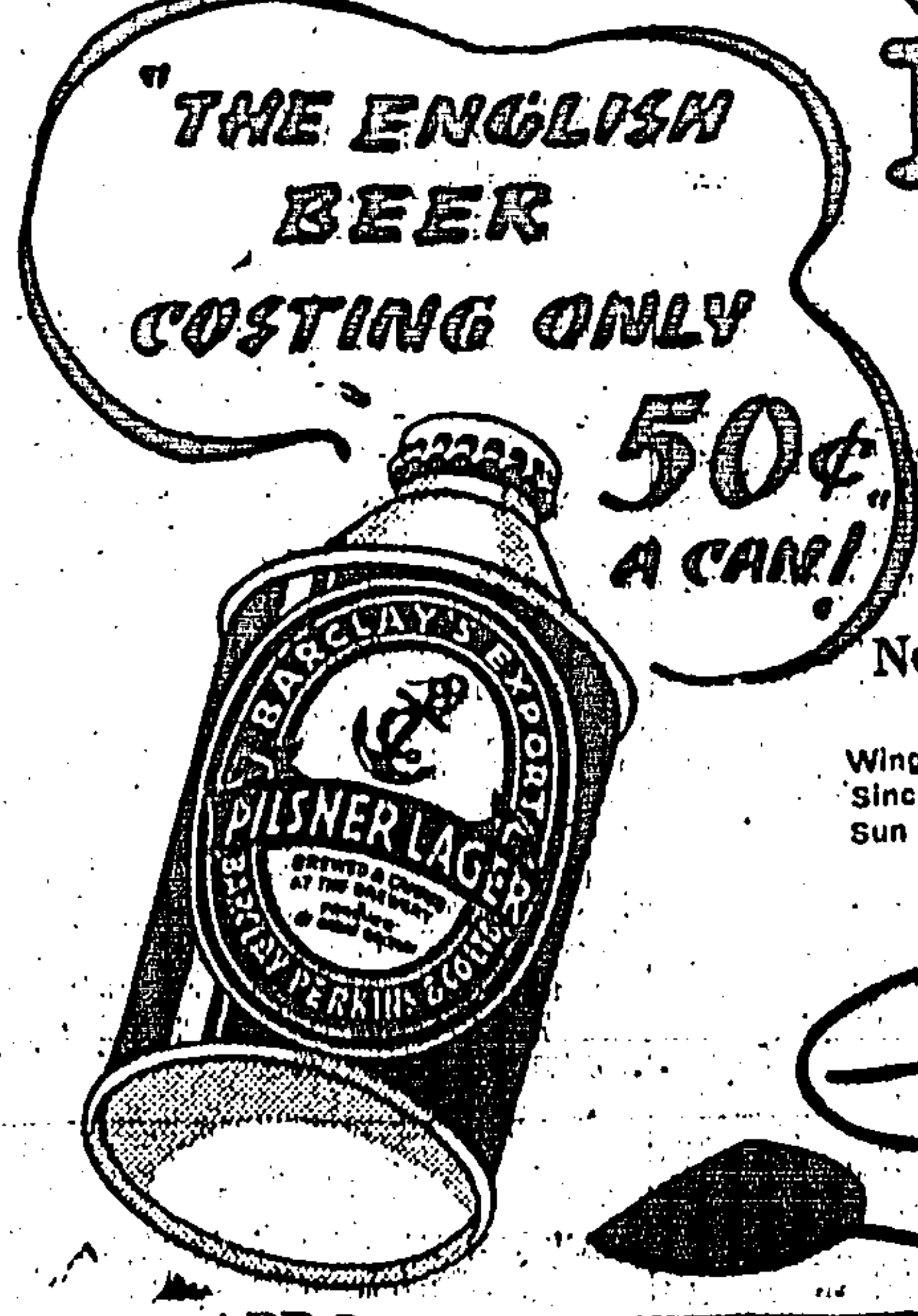
KONG YUEN CLUB

	Foul No.	Goals	Fouls
Sum Ping-kuen	1	0	0
Chau Hau-han	9	2	1
Sik Chu-chong	3	0	0
Tim Ping-ko	0	0	0
Chau Kam-yum	1	0	3
Kuen Wing-fook	5	0	2
Total Points	40		

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AMERICAN ENVOY TO STAY IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Indefinite postponement of the departure from Chungking of the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, for his summer holiday may be taken as indication of the close American interest in Far Eastern developments.

Mr. Johnson was originally scheduled to leave Chungking on July 4 by plane for Hong Kong en route to Shanghai and Peiping to spend his summer holiday with his family at Peitaiho.

As a result of the bombings of Chungking and international developments, the Ambassador has cancelled all bookings and has decided to remain in Chungking indefinitely to watch developments and keep in close contact with the Chinese authorities.—Reuter.

RECORD-BREAKING SEA TRIP EFFORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hokoku Maru, 10,500-ton passenger and freight liner of the O.S.K. Line, left Kobe yesterday for Capetown in an effort to shatter the present 44-day record for the run.

The ship hopes to reach Cape-

OPERATION ON MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

It is announced in London that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Lord President of the Council, was successfully operated on last night for relief of intestinal symptoms of an obstructive nature.

His condition is satisfactory.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MAIL CENSORSHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Japanese censorship of mails in the French Concession, similar to that already applied in the International Settlement in Shanghai, will probably be started during the current week.

The French Consul-General declined to make any statement yesterday but expressed the belief that Japanese censors will be permitted to function following the return of M. Chapelain, Commissioner of the Chinese Post Office, who is due in Shanghai shortly from Kunming.—Havas.

town 33 days and eventually shorten the time for the shortest Japan-South Africa run from 28 to 22 days.—Havas.

Hot Reception Provided

AT LEAST FIFTEEN enemy machines were brought down in an attack yesterday morning by 80 bombers and fighters on a south-east coast town, while the aim of the rest of the bombers who so distracted that they were able to do little damage.

Fierce anti-aircraft barrages took their toll, while squadrons of Spitfires and Hurricanes, racing across the sky, broke up the attack and shot many of the planes down. One squadron of Spitfires shot down four fighters and one bomber, while a Hurricane squadron reversed the procedure and shot down four bombers and a fighter.

The pilot of one plane reports that he attacked a Junkers bomber. It blew up and went into the sea in flames. He next attacked a second Junkers and saw his bullets pour into the fuselage. He then had to break off the engagement to give his attention to a Messerschmidt fighter on his tail.

Another pilot officer attacked 12 bombers flying low over the sea. He brought the last one crashing down into the sea.

While firing at two Junkers, a Sergeant-Pilot was attacked by enemy fighters. He dived to meet them, shot one down and badly damaged another.

A Spitfire pilot attacked a fighter and watched it crash down into the sea. He then shot down a bomber.

Another pilot attacked three Junkers. One dived into the sea, the second caught fire and the third fled, badly damaged.

Two other German planes were shot down by anti-aircraft fire, according to an Agency report.

The Total Bag

Including yesterday's "bag," Germany's losses in attacks on and around Britain now total 318, of which no less than 244 have been destroyed since the first big raid on June 18. This is an average of nearly six a day! — Reuter.

Five More Victims

An Air Ministry communique stated yesterday afternoon that fighter aircraft shot down an enemy bomber over the Channel Coast and another in the Thames Estuary.

It is now confirmed that in the engagement over Dover in the morning two enemy bombers were shot down by A.A. fire in addition to those shot down by our fighters.

This makes a total of 20 enemy planes brought down yesterday. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI REUNION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HAPPY PARENTS EMBRACED THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHEN APPROXIMATELY 30 BOYS AND GIRLS, RANGING FROM SIX TO 16, ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI YESTERDAY ON BOARD THE "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA" AFTER BEING EVACUATED FROM ENGLAND.

The children looked happy and healthy and all agreed the whole trip had been "marvellous."

The original party left Liverpool on board the "Duchess of Richmond" and numbered 42, but a few children were left in Canada and the remainder continued the journey to join their parents in China.—Havas.

BIRTH

KADOORIE.—On July 30, 1940, to Muriel, wife of Lawrence Kadoorie, at the War Memorial Hospital, a daughter.

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